



# Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

**Meeting Date:** November 5, 2013  
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**Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head:** County Judge's Office  
**Commissioners Court Sponsor:**

## **AGENDA LANGUAGE:**

APPROVE RESOLUTION HONORING "VETERANS DAY" IN TRAVIS COUNTY.

## **BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:**

Please see proposed Resolution attached.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

## **ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:**

## **FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

## **REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:**

# Travis County Commissioners Court



# Resolution

WHEREAS, the Armistice Day Holiday Bill in 1938 stroke out the word "Armistice" and inserting in its place the word "Veterans." This year marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Armistice Day becoming ("Veterans Day") and a "Legal Holiday";

WHEREAS, this year's Grand Marshal is Richard Arvine Overton of Austin. Overton, at age 107, is believed to be America's oldest living World War II veteran. Mr. Overton traveled to Washington, D.C., as part of Honor Flight a nonprofit group that transports veterans free of charge to memorials dedicated to their service.

WHEREAS, this Veterans Day, Travis County and the City of Austin will be hosting the 2013 Veterans Day Parade honoring Wounded Warriors, Veterans Past and Present with a special tribute to the new Austin VA Outpatient Clinic;

WHEREAS, one-third of returning service men and women report "Invisible Wound" symptoms of Mental Health or Cognitive Conditions. Most veterans face challenges as they transition back into civilian life, and today's WOUNDED WARRIORS are meeting extraordinary obstacles including the physical injuries as well as invisible ones, like combat-related stress, with traumatic amputation, Military Sexual Trauma (MST), Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). One out eight has thoughts of suicide, attempts of suicide or completed suicide. This disaster has increased from 18 to 22 veterans per day committing suicide. It is nothing less than a national crisis and these veterans require immediate attention and suicide prevention;

WHEREAS, we pay tribute to the new VA Outpatient Clinic, the largest in Texas and the United States, constitutes a total healing environment that is uplifting spiritually, mentally and physically, befitting of serving our 60,000 Travis County Veterans with Blue Ribbon Service – "Putting Veterans First" and unweaving "Service of Excellence"; and

WHEREAS, the United States military instills a sense of honor, duty, leadership, commitment and respect, evident in the millions of veterans who have returned home to their communities as productive citizens, strengthened by their military experience;

WHEREAS, "Vets Helping Vets" is the motto of the Travis County Veterans Service Office, and is steadfastly committed to serve "One Veteran at a Time."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT THAT ALL CITIZENS OF TRAVIS COUNTY ARE URGED TO OBSERVE NOVEMBER 11, 2013 AS

"VETERANS' DAY"

WITH APPROPRIATE PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES FOCUSING ON THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED THIS GREAT NATION, AND SHOWING APPRECIATION FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND SERVICE.

SIGNED AND ENTERED THIS 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2012.

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SAMUEL T. BISCOE  
COUNTY JUDGE

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RON DAVIS  
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 1

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COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 2

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