



# City of Pittsburgh

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WHEREAS, all Department of Veterans Affairs' medical centers and many outpatient clinics and state veterans homes will observe the 33<sup>rd</sup> National Salute to Veteran Patients during the week of February 13-19, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Salute is a time of caring and sharing, which underscore the Salute's expression of honor and appreciation to inpatient and outpatient veterans; and

WHEREAS, it is vital to honor veterans for the sacrifices they have made and the freedoms they have preserved; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to increase community awareness of VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System's role in providing comprehensive medical care to our area's veterans; and

WHEREAS, residents of Pittsburgh are welcome and encouraged to visit hospitalized veterans and work as VA volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the veteran population in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as of September 30, 2010, numbered 964,100; and

WHEREAS, these men and women have given more than most to protect and preserve all we hold dear, as Americans; and

WHEREAS, each of us who feel privileged to live in this nation and have a special place in our hearts for these defenders of freedom can take this opportunity to express our affection and respect for those we admire; and

WHEREAS, many veterans receiving care in VA facilities are separated from family and friends, suffering physical or emotion pain, or facing uncertain futures; and

WHEREAS, by sharing our time and talent, we express the full measure of our national commitment to veterans; and

WHEREAS, the sons and daughters of the City of Pittsburgh have had a rich, long-standing tradition of patriotism and military service and now a new generation, of proud, young men and women, is serving and sacrificing for freedom around the world.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh wishes to express its sincere thanks and gratitude to all military veterans for defending our nation and contributing to the richness of our area.

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THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does, hereby, declare the week of February 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 to be “Salute to Veterans Week” in the City of Pittsburgh.