

House Resolution No. 398

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

1 **WHEREAS**, in the United States and the state of Missouri, Veterans' Day has
2 traditionally been celebrated on November 11th. This tradition reflects the end of World War
3 I and the armistice of the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month; and

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5 **WHEREAS**, this celebration of the heroics of our Veteran community extends to all
6 American veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, there are approximately 21 million military veterans in the United states,
9 including 16.1 million living veterans who served during at least one war and 5.2 million
10 veterans who served in peacetime; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, the United States Congress could recognize the efforts of all Veterans' by
13 celebration of Veteran's Day each year by moving the tribute to the first Tuesday after the first
14 Monday in November; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, in each even numbered year the celebration would coincide with the
17 national election; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, a no more fitting recognition of our veterans' community could be better
20 than to have that honor be on the day that we renew our democratic election process; and

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22 **WHEREAS**, that the creation of this national holiday would make the voting process
23 more accessible, for all citizens, creating additional voting spaces and allowing those who wish
24 to become more involved in the voting process, to vote, work as poll workers and also endeavor
25 to recognize the Veterans' community:

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27 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the members of the Missouri House
28 of Representatives, Ninety-ninth General Assembly, hereby urge the United States Congress and
29 the State of Missouri to consider moving the celebration of our country's veterans to the first

30 Tuesday after the first Monday in November because a national holiday for our veterans and for
31 voting in elections would be the most fitting tribute for those who have served; and
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33 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
34 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the
35 Speaker of the House of the United States House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore
36 of the United States Senate, the Governor of the State of Missouri, and to all members of the
37 Missouri Congressional delegation.

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