



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, in 1938, Congress made November 11<sup>th</sup> of each year a legal holiday, known as Armistice Day, to honor veterans of World War I; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1954, after the veteran's service organizations asked Congress to change the word "Armistice" to Veterans," President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the first Veterans Day proclamation calling on our nation to "pay appropriate homage to the veterans of all its wars who have contributed so much to the preservation of this nation;" and

**WHEREAS**, the Occoquan community has always supported our nation's veterans and their families, wherever and whenever they have served, who have given so much to protect our freedoms and the freedoms of others around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Occoquan in respect and recognition of the contributions our veterans and their families have made to preserve our heritage of freedom and to promote peace;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Earnest W. Porta, Jr., Mayor of the Town of Occoquan, and on behalf of the Occoquan Town Council hereby proclaim Friday, November 11, 2022, as

## VETERANS DAY

in the Town of Occoquan and urge all individuals, groups, and businesses to recognize and celebrate the sacrifices and contributions of our veterans who fought for peace and protected our freedoms and freedoms of others around the world.

Adopted this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 2022.

Earnest W. Porta, Jr. MAYOR  
On behalf of the Town Council of  
Occoquan, Virginia

ATTEST:

  
Philip Auville, Town Clerk