

# PROCLAMATION



*WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Rathdrum and the United States of America live in freedom because of the contributions and personal sacrifices made by those who have served and by those now serving in the Armed Forces; and*

*WHEREAS, our nation has fought and continues to fight battles around the world for the ideals of liberty and justice. The words of the first Veterans Day proclamation signed by President Eisenhower still ring true: "Let us solemnly remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly, on the seas, in the air, and on foreign shores, to preserve our heritage and freedom, and let us reconsecrate ourselves to the task of promoting an enduring peace so that their efforts shall not have been in vain"; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Rathdrum has always provided its best and brightest sons and daughters to serve bravely in America's Armed Forces. We remember with somber and grateful hearts those men and women who have served in the military with distinction and valor as sailors, soldiers, airmen, and Marines, and offer our sincere prayers for those who continue to defend the principles on which our nation was founded; and*

*WHEREAS, we will endeavor to always honor the contributions and sacrifices of those who have, over the centuries, served in the military and the tens of thousands presently serving, both at home and abroad; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Rathdrum is home to veterans and our nation's military families. We are proud to recognize our country's veterans and extend the appreciation of our citizens to those who wear the uniform of the United States Armed Forces and serve on the front lines, preserving freedom and liberty;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Vic Holmes, Mayor of the City of Rathdrum, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2019, as a month of Support and Recognition to recognize the service and sacrifice of our brave men and women in uniform and encourage all citizens of the City of Rathdrum to observe and appreciate these sacrifices and contributions of our veterans who fought for peace and defended democracy in our land and abroad.*

*DATED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2019*



*Vic Holmes, Mayor*

