

**SNOHOMISH COUNTY
WASHINGTON**



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1919 President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of “Armistice Day” to honor those that died in service for our country, in 1938 this day was made a legal holiday and in 1954 was declared “Veterans Day,” a day to honor American veterans of all wars and to rededicate to the cause of peace; and

WHEREAS, during our nation’s history, hundreds of thousands of courageous men and women have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States; and

WHEREAS, today there are more than 25 million living veterans who have served our nation in times of peace and war, maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by residents of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County is home to more than 65,000 veterans, one of the highest veteran populations of all counties in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, the distinguished service of veterans to this country is founded on a commitment to maintain, defend and sustain the basic core principles of our nation; and

WHEREAS, we are a grateful nation and thank all Armed Forces’ veterans and their families for their many sacrifices, respect their commitment, cherish the preservation of freedom and honor their heroism; and

WHEREAS, this sacrifice is a debt that can never be repaid and “thank you” is not enough, but we offer it with heartfelt sincerity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Aaron G. Reardon, Snohomish County Executive, urge all Snohomish County residents to solemnly recognize the distinguished service of Armed Forces’ veterans and the promotion of peace as we observe

Veterans Appreciation Day in Snohomish County

Signed this 10th day of November, 2009.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Aaron G. Reardon". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Aaron G. Reardon
Snohomish County Executive