



***PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 2023 AS
VETERAN AND MILITARY FAMILIES MONTH***

WHEREAS, the United States is a beacon of hope, freedom, and opportunity to people around the world; and

WHEREAS, November was first declared as Military Family Month in 1996 to acknowledge the tremendous sacrifices our military families make.

WHEREAS, our service members do not serve alone. Alongside them are the dedicated members who embody strength, resilience, and courage; and

WHEREAS, care of military families and children sustains our fighting force and strengthens the health, security, and safety of our families and communities; and

WHEREAS, our brave service men and women, their families, and their loved ones have made great sacrifices to protect the freedoms we enjoy; and

WHEREAS, these service members and veterans are true leaders in our communities and are integral to the success, advancement, and prosperity of our Town and community; and

WHEREAS, we recognize our military family's integral role in supporting our service members and contributing to their mission. While our men and women are serving at home and overseas, we must provide their families with the resources they need to thrive in our community; and

WHEREAS, this month, we recognize our local service members and veterans and remember with deep gratitude those who have given their lives in defense of our freedom; and

THEREFORE, the Town's Veterans Advisory Board requested community members wear a Red Poppy beginning November 1, 2023, through Veterans Day, November 11, for remembrance and sacrifices made; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Amanda Pillion, Mayor, proclaim November 2023 as "**Veteran and Military Families Month**" in the Town of Abingdon and commend its observance to all citizens.


Amanda Pillion, Mayor