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JUDGE EMMETT DESIGNATES NOV. 11 – 17 AS VETERANS WEEK IN HARRIS COUNTY *Almost 200,000 Veterans Call Harris County Home*

Harris County Judge Ed Emmett presented a resolution Tuesday designating Nov. 11 – 17 as “Veterans Week” to formally recognize the county’s 197,000 veterans. Judge Emmett also will attend the city of Houston’s Veterans Day ceremonies and parade and present a county resolution designating Sunday as “Second Battalion, First Marines Day” in Harris County.

“It is a privilege for me to honor our hometown heroes this Veterans Day on behalf of all Harris County residents. Veterans and their families have sacrificed for our country, and their efforts should not go unrecognized,” Emmett said. “Along with the celebrations and honors, I also want to make sure veterans are aware of Harris County’s Veteran Services Office, which focuses on helping veterans and their dependents. Veterans have earned special benefits, and the county wants to ensure that they and their families get the services to which they are entitled.”

The Harris County Veterans Services Office, established in 1947, assists veterans, their dependents and survivors in obtaining veterans benefits and services. The Veterans Services Office works with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and other nationally chartered veterans service organizations to streamline the benefits application processes.

Services offered by the Veterans Services Office include the following:

- Informs veterans, dependents and survivors of their eligibility for benefits payable through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Assists in obtaining addresses for benefits payable through the Social Security Administration or other government agencies.
- Completes forms for benefits that may be payable through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Completes forms and notifies the appropriate branch of service of the death of a retiree.
- Informs survivors of procedures regarding military benefits.
- Obtains supporting documents for claims by veterans, their spouses and dependents.
- Records original discharges (DD214) with the county clerk’s office.

For more information, veterans or their dependents may call 281-876-6600 or 1-866-930-VETS.