



City of Montgomery, Alabama Office of the Mayor Proclamation

WHEREAS, *the Office of the Mayor and the Montgomery City Council shall establish the Montgomery Military and Veterans Commission to help the Capital City of Montgomery, Alabama preserve and protect military installations, attract new missions to the city's military installations, and serve Montgomery's military community; and*

WHEREAS, *Montgomery's military community includes Veterans, Active-Duty Military, Reserves, National Guard, Department of Defense Civilians, and connected military families; they are our neighbors, volunteers, coaches, teachers, partners in education, members of our civic clubs, churches, and so much more; and*

WHEREAS, *Montgomery's military community contributes significantly to the quality of life and economic well-being of the City of Montgomery; and*

WHEREAS, *the Montgomery Military and Veterans Commission will consist of eleven members who live, work or do business in the City of Montgomery and the members, including the chairperson of the commission, shall be appointed by the Mayor and City Council; and*

WHEREAS, *the Mayor and City Council will appoint two members each from the Active Components (Army, Air Force, Marines, Navy), National Guard, Reserves, Veterans Administration, State of Alabama VA, and one Veteran from the community; amongst its appointments, the Council shall endeavor to ensure representation from different eras of military service; and*

WHEREAS, *all appointments to the commission shall be for a term of three years and the chairperson of the commission shall serve for a term of two years; and*

WHEREAS, *the commission will provide communication and assistance to Montgomery's military community in need of City of Montgomery services, to include homeless military Veterans; and*

WHEREAS, *advice, supervision, and participation will be provided by the commission relative to fundraising activities for construction of Veterans' memorials and parks owned by the city while also informing the Mayor, City Council, and appropriate city departments of issues relative to the care, maintenance and use of noted memorials and parks; and*

WHEREAS, *recommendations will be provided to the Mayor and City Council in regards to the adoption, change or repeal of municipal laws, rules, regulations, restrictions or other matters affecting Montgomery's military community; and*

WHEREAS, *the commission shall meet quarterly or more often as circumstances require and may perform other duties as requested by the Mayor or City Council;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steven L. Reed, Mayor of the City of Montgomery, Alabama, in conjunction with the Montgomery City Council, do hereby establish the

Montgomery Military & Veterans Commission

to serve as a liaison between the City of Montgomery and Montgomery's military community, to open and maintain channels of communication.