

S T A T E O F M I C H I G A N

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

RESOLUTION DECLARING NOVEMBER 11 UNION SOLDIER REDEDICATION DAY

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners (Board) authorized the expansion of the County's Courthouse to accommodate the addition of a third circuit court judge as approved by the Legislature and Governor to speed the dispensing of justice in Allegan County; and

WHEREAS, said expansion required the relocation of the Union Soldier statue honoring the service of Allegan County residents during the Civil War, 1861 to 1865; and

WHEREAS, for 120 years on Courthouse Square, the Union Soldier has guarded the nation and our county from its stance facing south; and

WHEREAS, the Union Soldier statue was successfully relocated to an honored position on Courthouse Square, resuming the watch over the functions of Allegan County's government and justice system; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds it proper and honorable to pause on Veterans Day 2024, November 11, to honor and remember the military service members who gave of themselves in defense of our Union of States in all wars.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board finds this Veterans Day the appropriate moment to celebrate the rededication of the Union Soldier defending the nation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that residents of Allegan County are invited to participate in celebratory ceremonies commencing at the 11:00th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month at the Veterans Memorial of the City of Allegan, followed immediately thereafter by the rededication of the Union Soldier statue on the grounds of Courthouse Square; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution be widely distributed as an invitation for all citizens of Allegan County to be rededicated to the cause of freedom symbolized by the Union Soldier Statue.