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Resolution 5:

Calling on Cornell University to Appropriately Recognize and Honor Veterans Day

Abstract: This resolution calls on University Administration to establish Veterans Day as a University-holiday where courses are canceled and University affiliates are not required to work.

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Whereas, each year, Veterans Day is nationally recognized in the United States of America on November 11th as a day of reverence.

Whereas, November 11th represents the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918, the day, time, and hour that signaled the end of World War I.

Whereas, Veterans Day was originally recognized as Armistice Day, with Congress passing a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance.

Whereas, in 1938, November 11th became a national holiday, followed shortly thereafter by New York State's own declaration of November 11th to be recognized as "Veterans Day."

Whereas, Cornell University is currently home to over 400 veterans among its staff, faculty, and students.

Whereas, the University benefits in the form of gifts and income derived from the global economy veterans have sacrificed to maintain.

Whereas, without official University recognition, Cornell's veteran community are annually forced to spend their vacation or personal time-off in order to participate in Veterans Day events.

Whereas, Veterans Day honors all American veterans, giving thanks to individuals who honorably served and sacrificed for our country. Furthermore, a debt incurred is a debt to be repaid.

Be it therefore resolved, the University must fully acknowledge and honor our country's veterans, both past and present, especially those affiliated with Cornell University.

Be it finally resolved, the Cornell University Administration will cancel both course attendance and required work for University affiliates each academic year on November 11th, the date of the nationally recognized holiday.

Respectfully Submitted,

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