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## **Resolution 2:**

## Calling on Cornell University to Appropriately **Recognize and Honor Veterans Day**

- 4 Abstract: This resolution calls on University Administration to establish Veterans Day as a
- University holiday where course are canceled and University affiliates are not required to work. 5
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- Whereas, each year, Veterans Day is nationally recognized in the United States of America on 29
- 30 November 11th as a day of reverence.
- 31 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. 32



- 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
- 38 students.
- Whereas, the University benefits in the form of gifts and income derived from the global
- 40 economy veterans have sacrificed to maintain.
- 41 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
- 44 honorably served and sacrificed for our country. Furthermore, a debt incurred is a debt to be
- 45 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.
- 48 **Be it finally resolved,** the Cornell University Administration will cancel both course attendance
- and required work for University affiliates each academic year on November 11<sup>th</sup>, the date of the
- 50 nationally recognized holiday.
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