

Mayor Nancy Smith

Whereas, during National Veterans and Military Families Month, we recognize that our military and veteran families answer our Nations's call to duty, and we recommit to doing right by their service and sacrifice; and

Whereas, to all mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers, sons and daughters, spouses and partners, and loved ones who stand alongside our veterans and service members: You are the solid steel spine that bears up under every burden and the courageous heart that rises to every challenge; and

Whereas, our Nation has only one truly sacred obligation-to prepare those we send into harm's way and care for them and their families while they are deployed and when they return home; and

Whereas, our fighting force is the greatest in the world-in no small part because, year after year and decade after decade, military and veteran families have had their loved ones' backs. As a country, we owe it to these families to have their backs. This year-may we also recognize the bravery and dedication of our military and veteran families and work to repay the debt of gratitude we owe each one of them; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nancy Smith, Mayor of the City of Maricopa, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2024 as **National Veterans and Military Families Month**, and call upon the people of Maricopa to share their appreciation with Veterans and their families.

Dated this 19th day of November 2024

Nancy Smith, Mayor