

## **VETERAN'S DAY PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS,** November 11<sup>th</sup> is the anniversary of the armistice signed by the Allies and the Germans in 1918, which ended World War I after four years of conflict; and

**WHEREAS,** President Woodrow Wilson issued the first Armistice Day proclamation in November of 1919, and set the tone for future observances, by observing that:

"To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nation;" and

**WHEREAS,** The name was changed from Armistice Day to Veterans Day by an act of Congress in 1954, when then-President Eisenhower called on citizens to observe the day in honor of all who had served in America's wars through the years; and

**WHEREAS,** More than 135,000 veterans of our Nation's military reside in Idaho and almost 5,000 of them live in our area; and

**WHEREAS,** The Veterans Assistance Program at the University of Idaho is committed to helping student veterans and their dependents succeed; and

**WHEREAS,** Our nation is indebted to the service men and women who have made great sacrifices, endured long absences from loved ones, and suffered injury or death to protect our homes and families; and

**WHEREAS,** Idaho National Guard 126<sup>th</sup> Engineers in Moscow were organized and federally recognized on April 26, 1929 as Troop K, 116<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, an element of the 24<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Division; and

**WHEREAS,** Then converted and redesignated Battery F, 148<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery, Moscow was first inducted into federal service September 16, 1940 and inactivated December 31, 1945 in Japan; and

**WHEREAS,** Through many designations and periods of active federal service with campaign credit in World War II and most recently as part of the 116<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion mobilized to support Operation Iraqi Freedom the 126<sup>th</sup> Engineers have served their community and country; and

**WHEREAS,** Veteran's Day is an opportunity to honor our nation's veterans and the 126<sup>th</sup> Engineers for their sacrifices

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Bill Lambert, Mayor for the City of Moscow, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2014 as

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in the City of Moscow, and I urge all citizens to reflect upon the sacrifices made by America's military personnel to preserve and promote enduring peace around the world.



DATED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2014.

Bill Lambert, Mayor