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VETERANS DAY 2024 IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



The Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC) joins other organizations and institutions to commemorate Veterans Day 2024 in the United States of America. We express sincere gratitude to all who served in the military services to defend the nation and made the ultimate sacrifice, as well as to medical, police, fire, and essential front-line workers who risk their lives to save others. We also salute all volunteers, advocates, and supporters who provide materials, resources, and services to those in need at crucial times of natural disasters and the consequences of violence.

While we commemorate Veterans Day 2024, we are immensely grieved by the high levels of violence nationwide, mass shootings and killings of children in schools and in neighborhoods, attacks on others because of race, religion or ethnicity, and resorting to unprovoked attacks and violence to resolve disputes and conflicts.

On Veterans Day 2024, **President Joseph R. Biden** issued a powerful proclamation, honoring the unwavering commitment and sacrifices of America's veterans. In his address, he eloquently captured the essence of their service: "Today, we honor generations of America's veterans — patriots who have stood on the frontlines of freedom and kept the light of liberty shining bright around the world. Just as they have kept the ultimate faith in our Nation, we must keep ultimate faith in them. Throughout history, whenever and wherever the forces of darkness have sought to extinguish the flame of freedom, America's veterans have been fighting to keep it burning bright. We owe them a debt of gratitude we can never fully repay, not just for fighting for our democracy, but for giving back to our communities and inspiring the next generation to serve, even after they hang up their uniforms. As a Nation, we have one truly sacred obligation: to prepare and equip those we send into harm's way and to care for them and their families when they return home".



On November 11, 1919, **President Woodrow Wilson** issued a declaration commemorating the first Armistice Day, marking one year since the end of World War I. In his powerful and poignant address, Wilson declared "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 nations..."

With deep respect and gratitude, we honor all members of the U.S. Armed Forces who served and made the ultimate sacrifice to defend the freedoms we cherish. We also acknowledge the extraordinary contributions of those currently serving, as well as individuals in civilian law enforcement, firefighting, aviation, transportation, medical services, and community volunteer efforts. We are thankful for the immense sacrifices made to uphold "the pursuit of life, liberty, and happiness," which have established the USA as a beacon of hope for the persecuted. America's commitment to promoting freedom exemplifies the indomitable human spirit and inspires nations to pursue their own struggles for freedom and human rights.

Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC) conveys its best wishes to the government and people of the United States of America, and in close collaboration with other countries, for continuing vigilance and championing the cause of freedom and liberty throughout the world while protecting its citizens at home.

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Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC), established in 1997, is an international non-profit organization with global affiliates and membership in 21 countries with the objective to embrace, engage and enhance the shared heritage, aspirations and interests of persons of Indian origin with optimum inclusivity.