

Proclamation Remembering the Korean War

WHEREAS, this year marks the 69th anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War which commenced on June 25, 1950; and

WHEREAS, during this three-year conflict more than 180,000 American, South Korean and United Nations forces lost their lives defending the Republic of Korea; and

WHEREAS, the sacrifices of these forces showed the resolve of the United States and the United Nations to stand by their South Korean allies despite the cost of human loss and hardship; and

WHEREAS, the armistice signed on July 27, 1953, brought this war to an uneasy truce that continues to this day; and

WHEREAS, President Harry Truman committed American Forces to the fight calling it a “police action” and did not seek a declaration of war; and

WHEREAS, the official use of terms like “police action” and “Korean Conflict” may have resulted in the Korean War becoming what many historians now refer to as, “The Forgotten War”; and

WHEREAS, the hard fought battles and heroic sacrifices of so many American military service members who were called to defend our way of life on those far away battle fields should never be forgotten.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of El Paso County Commissioners hereby proclaims its gratitude and appreciation for all who fought in the Korean War and honors the many Korean War veterans who returned from the fields of combat, built businesses, raised their families and continue to make their homes in El Paso County.

DONE THIS 9th day of July 2019 at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO

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