WHEREAS NOVEMBER, 11, 2018 COMMEMORATES THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ARMISTICE DAY, THE HOLIDAY CREATED TO CELEBRATE THE END OF WORLD WAR 1, "THE WAR TO END ALL WARS," AND DEDICATED TO PEACE AMONG ALL NATIONS; and

WHEREAS DURING THE COLD WAR ERA, ARMISTICE DAY WAS RENAMED VETERANS DAY, AND THE HOLIDAY’S EMPHASIS ON PEACE AND THE INTENT TO FOSTER PEACE AMONG ALL NATIONS WAS LOST; and

WHEREAS THE UNITED STATES HAS IN THE LAST 100 YEARS BECOME A MILITARY POWER UNEQUALED IN THE HISTORY OF HUMANKIND, ENGAGES IN WARS AND MILITARY CONFLICTS ACROSS THE GLOBE, MAINTAINS HUNDREDS OF MILITARY BASES AROUND THE WORLD, AND INVESTS INORDINATE AND COUNTERPRODUCTIVE AMOUNTS OF TIME, ENERGY, AND RESOURCES IN THE DEFENSE INDUSTRY AND OUR ARMED FORCES IN THE NAME OF FREEDOM; and

WHEREAS NUCLEAR WAR, DRONE WARFARE, CYBER WARFARE, SATELLITE AND CONVENTIONAL WARFARE REPRESENT AN UNPRECEDENTED THREAT TO HUMANKIND AND TO THE FUTURE OF THE PLANET; and

WHEREAS THERE EXISTS NO NATIONAL HOLIDAY DEDICATED TO PEACE AS WAS THE INTENT BEHIND THE CREATION OF ARMISTICE DAY IN 1918; and

WHEREAS NEVER BEFORE HAS THE NEED TO BRING PEACE AMONG ALL NATIONS AND ALL PEOPLES BEEN MORE URGENT; and

WHEREAS SANTA CRUZ, THE CENTRAL COAST OF CALIFORNIA, THE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES, AND PEOPLES OF ALL NATIONS THIRST FOR PEACE

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DAVID TERRAZAS, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THIS YEAR AS ARMISTICE YEAR 2018 IN THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ AND URGE ALL OUR CITIZENS TO JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION OF PEACE AMONG ALL NATIONS AND TO JOIN THE EFFORT TO REESTABLISH A NATIONAL HOLIDAY DEDICATED TO PEACE AT HOME AND TO PEACE AMONG ALL NATIONS.