

Public Law 114–240  
114th Congress

An Act

Oct. 7, 2016  
[S. 1004]

To amend title 36, United States Code, to encourage the nationwide observance of two minutes of silence each Veterans Day.

Veterans Day  
Moment of  
Silence Act.  
36 USC 101 note.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Day Moment of Silence Act”.

**SEC. 2. OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS DAY.**

(a) **TWO MINUTES OF SILENCE.**—Chapter 1 of title 36, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

President.  
Proclamation.  
36 USC 145.

**“§ 145. Veterans Day**

“The President shall issue each year a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe two minutes of silence on Veterans Day in honor of the service and sacrifice of veterans throughout the history of the Nation, beginning at—

- “(1) 3:11 p.m. Atlantic standard time;
- “(2) 2:11 p.m. eastern standard time;
- “(3) 1:11 p.m. central standard time;
- “(4) 12:11 p.m. mountain standard time;
- “(5) 11:11 a.m. Pacific standard time;
- “(6) 10:11 a.m. Alaska standard time; and
- “(7) 9:11 a.m. Hawaii-Aleutian standard time.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 1 of title 36, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

“145. Veterans Day.”.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S. 1004:

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