

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN AND COUNCILOR LYDIA EDWARDS



**CITY OF BOSTON**

**ORDER FOR A HEARING TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND DISCUSS  
THE OUTREACH OF THE OFFICE OF VETERANS' SERVICES  
AND OPPORTUNITIES & CHALLENGES FACING VETERANS  
AND MILITARY FAMILIES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON**

**WHEREAS:** The City of Boston's Office of Veterans' Services continues to advocate for Veterans and Military Families across the City; *and*

**WHEREAS:** Veterans and Military Families served our Country and have earned benefits from our City, State, and Federal Governments; *and,*

**WHEREAS:** The Office of Veterans Services, in order to empower our Veterans with the information that they need to be educated about their services and benefits, has an outreach program called "Operation Thank a Veteran"; *and,*

**WHEREAS:** "Operation Thank a Veteran" assists all Veterans from our City's diverse community including Women, Homeless and Disabled Veterans; *and,*

**WHEREAS:** Through the Boston's Way Home Program and the leadership of Mayor Walsh, the City of Boston has effectively ended chronic Veterans' Homelessness in the City; *and,*

**WHEREAS:** Despite the City's commendable work, not every Veteran and Military Family may be aware of the services and benefits available to them; *NOW*

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:**

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss best practices to continue assisting Veterans and Military Families with the services and benefits they have earned. Representatives from the City of Boston and other interested parties shall be invited to attend.

Filed in Council: June 20, 2018