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Dear Veterans & Friends,

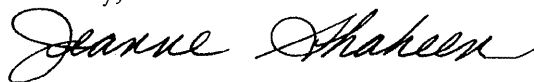
Thank you for the invitation to be with you today in New Hampton as you come together to dedicate Veterans Memorial Park and honor our nation's service members on Veterans Day. Please know that I join in spirit as we salute the men and women who have fought across generations to safeguard our way of life and protect our country in a dangerous world.

We gather today just over 100 years after the formal end to fighting in a devastating conflict in Europe. World War I was known at the time as "The Great War" and "the war to end all wars," and its end gave cause to celebrate the heroics of the men and women who served in those distant trenches. In that war and in the century that followed, we called upon our brave soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines to defend our country and its highest ideals. Time and time again, they answered. They made – as the World War II Memorial in Washington DC states – "the sacrifices to perpetuate the gift our forefathers entrusted to us: A nation conceived in liberty and justice."

We pause each year on the anniversary of the end of that Great War to honor the dedication, perseverance, courage and loyalty of America's veterans. Veterans Day is not only a chance to recognize them for their devotion to duty and their service in uniform. It's also an opportunity to reflect on *our* duty as fellow citizens to show appreciation and to provide them with the care and benefits they so rightly deserve in civilian life. Veterans Memorial Park here in New Hampton will convey this appreciation and encourage this reflection, and I want to thank everyone who worked so hard over the years to make it a reality.

America's veterans have given a great gift to our nation, and many continue to contribute to the good of their communities long after their time in the service. I am proud to join you today in expressing our deep gratitude to these courageous and selfless men and women.

Sincerely,



Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senator