



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

WOMEN VETERANS DAY

- WHEREAS:** June 12, 1948 marked the date that women, who formerly served only as auxiliaries in time of war, were officially allowed to serve as regular and permanent members of the armed forces in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and the Air Force; and
- WHEREAS:** Throughout the history of our military forces, women have been dedicated patriots, willing to put their lives in grave danger to protect our nation and the freedom of its people. Women have always played a role in the United States' military conflicts, beginning their services as washwomen and eventually presiding over massive hospitals as Civil War nurses; and
- WHEREAS:** Today, women can be found fulfilling nearly all duties that were once the exclusive domain of men in the American military. It took decades for the restrictions placed on their service capacity to change, but eventually women were able to participate in the armed forces during peacetime; and
- WHEREAS:** By 1970, women's roles in the military expanded, finally allowing them to rise to command roles in non-combat units; and
- WHEREAS:** It was not until 2013 that women achieved full status in the military when they were granted the right to serve in direct ground combat roles, taking tremendous strides as a society toward the achievement of gender equality in all occupations; and
- WHEREAS:** Currently, there are approximately 95,570 female veterans who reside in the State of Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** We owe an indescribable debt to our current and past servicewomen who have selflessly served so that we may live free. Their unquestioned loyalty and valor will undoubtedly inspire future generations; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 12, 2021 as WOMEN VETERANS DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 21st day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Martha Kippenich

CHIEF OF STAFF