



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; and
- WHEREAS:** Women have played pivotal roles in the United States military since the Civil War, first serving as washwomen and eventually presiding over large combat hospitals; and
- WHEREAS:** By 1970, women's roles in the military expanded, finally allowing them to rise to the command roles in non-combat units. But 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; and
- WHEREAS:** Today, women can be found fulfilling nearly all duties that were once exclusive to men in the American military, and they inspire future generations of women to follow their lead; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia honors the active and veteran servicewomen who have selflessly served to ensure our freedom; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 12, 2023, 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 5th day of June in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Martha Kipertovich

CHIEF OF STAFF