



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

WOMEN VETERANS DAY

- WHEREAS:** June 12, 1948 marked the date that women 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:** Women have always played a role in the United States' military conflicts, beginning their service as washerwomen and eventually presiding over massive hospitals as Civil War nurses; and
- WHEREAS:** 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; and
- WHEREAS:** Currently, there are approximately 93,000 female veterans who reside in the State of Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** We owe an inexpressible 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, 2019 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 28th day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Trinity K. Fleming

CHIEF OF STAFF