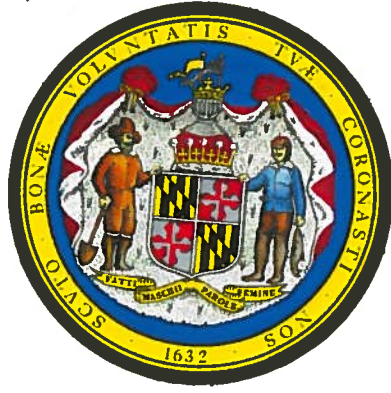


The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland
WOMEN VETERANS DAY
JUNE 12, 2021

- WHEREAS,** 2021 marks the 73rd anniversary of the groundbreaking Women's Armed Services Integration Act, which was signed into law by President Harry S. Truman on June 12, 1948, enabling women to serve as permanent, regular members of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy and Air Force; and
- WHEREAS,** Women Veterans Day was established to honor the resilience and strength shown by women serving in the United States Armed Forces and recognize the unique challenges that they have overcome; and
- WHEREAS,** Women veterans are one of the fastest growing demographics within the United States military and are expecting to reach nearly 20 percent of the veteran population by 2045; and
- WHEREAS,** Maryland is home to more than 385,000 veterans, including 55,000 women veterans, that deserve to be recognized for their service and sacrifice; and
- WHEREAS,** Maryland is committed to supporting and recognizing the bravery of all women veterans, including those who made the ultimate sacrifice and laid down their lives to protect our country.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim JUNE 12, 2021, as WOMEN VETERANS DAY in Maryland, and do commend this observance to all our citizens.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 12th day of June
Two Thousand and twenty-one

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

Byrd K. Lathrop
Lt. Governor

John C. Womack
Secretary of State