



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, the history of our State and Nation is steeped in patriotic duty and, each November, we observe a federal holiday set aside to honor all of the courageous individuals who served in our Nation's military, thanking them for their contributions in peacetime and in war; and

Whereas, originally celebrated as Armistice Day to commemorate the formal end of World War I at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, Veterans Day pays tribute to every person who ever wore the uniform of the United States armed forces, defending our Nation and advancing the values of freedom and democracy around the globe; and

Whereas, from those earliest Revolutionaries who won our independence to the Veterans of the present day, all who served throughout the centuries are united by a common thread of honor: a devotion for their country so great that they put their own lives at risk so that the United States of America may continue to endure as a stronghold of freedom and justice, and so that our world may be a more peaceful and safe place to live; and

Whereas, this day calls upon each of us to solemnly remember our Veterans who are gone, recognizing that our lives would be far different today without their selfless service and sacrifices; and

Whereas, New Yorkers join to extend our appreciation to the approximately 20,000,000 Veterans who live in the United States of America today, all of them deserving the highest admiration and gratitude of every American who enjoys the liberty and independence safeguarded by these heroic individuals; and

Whereas, we are thankful and proud that an estimated 688,000 Veterans currently call New York State their home and we respect these former servicemembers for their contributions and their continued service to our Veteran community, the military community, and our greater society; and

Whereas, on this and every other day, we reflect upon all that our Veterans have given to this Nation – and will we never forget their service and sacrifices in preserving and advancing the cause of freedom – a foundation of American life that could not have endured without these heroes, to whom each American owes a debt that can never be fully repaid;

Now, Therefore, I, Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2022 as

VETERANS DAY

in the Empire State.



G i v e n under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this first day of
November in the year two thousand twenty-two.

Kathy Hochul
Governor

Karen Persichilli Keogh

Secretary to the Governor
Karen Persichilli Keogh