



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, since the earliest conflicts in America's history, women have helped defend our nation and its principles of freedom and justice; and

Whereas, from the battlefields of the American Revolution, to wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, women have willingly answered the call to duty with pride, dignity, and courage – often at great risk and personal expense – including the ultimate sacrifice of life; and

Whereas, the role of women in the United States Armed Forces continues to increase in size and scope, with more women assuming greater responsibility and achieving the highest ranks and positions of leadership in all branches of the U.S. military; and

Whereas, today's Women Veterans proudly uphold the honorable legacy of others who came before them and forged new paths of leadership, and we recognize that they strengthen our military forces with their dedication, courage, character, and intellect, and inspire other women to serve our nation; and

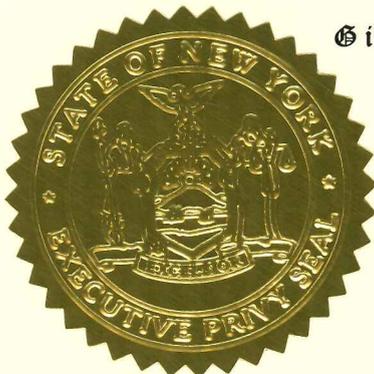
Whereas, there are more than 75,000 Women Veterans who call the Empire State home, and they are a continued source of pride for all New Yorkers, exemplifying excellence in service and representing outstanding role models for future generations; and

Whereas, through programs such as Veterans in the Classroom, the observance of Women's History Month, and this special day honoring Women Veterans, New York State recognizes the women of our nation's military who served in various wars and conflicts; it is appropriate that all New Yorkers take this opportunity to acknowledge the contributions and sacrifices made by the women of our Armed Forces and extend gratitude to all who have served in the past and those who are serving today;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim June 12, 2016 as

WOMEN VETERANS DAY

in the Empire State.



Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Albany this seventh day of June in the year two thousand sixteen.

Governor

Wickham J. Mahon
Secretary to the Governor