

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** throughout the history of West Virginia and the United States, women have dedicated themselves to securing and preserving the freedoms and liberties cherished by all Americans; and
- Whereas,** this year commemorates the 78th anniversary of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act, which was signed into law by President Harry S. Truman on June 12, 1948, enabling women to serve in all branches of the United States military as permanent, full members; and
- Whereas,** American women veterans have exhibited extraordinary skill, unwavering dedication, and profound sacrifice in upholding the core principles upon which our nation was founded; and
- Whereas,** women have served in every branch and component of the United States Armed Forces from the Revolutionary War to current conflicts throughout the world, including in elite units and serving in combat; and
- Whereas,** having served the nation with courage, loyalty, integrity, and pride, women veterans continue their service as leaders in their communities, local businesses, government, education, healthcare, non-profits and more; and
- Whereas,** according to the Department of Veterans Affairs, women veterans are the fastest growing demographic of veterans in the United States, projected to constitute nearly 20 percent of the total veteran population by 2045; and
- Whereas,** it is fitting to honor the courage, dignity, and sacrifice with which women have served and continue to serve in defense of our nation and our great State.

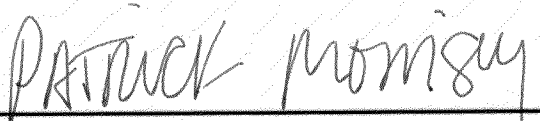
Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *June 12, 2026*, as:

Women Veterans Recognition Day

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in observance.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twelfth Day of June, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Six, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Third Year of the State.



Patrick Morrisey
Governor

By the Governor:



Kris Warner
Secretary of State