



STATE OF MISSOURI
Proclamation
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Women Veterans Appreciation Day is observed in the United States to commemorate the anniversary of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act, enacted on June 12, 1948; and

WHEREAS, there are 2.1 million women veterans in the United States, and approximately 24,282 women veterans live in the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Women Veterans Appreciation Day educates the public on the service and sacrifice of women who served in the military and raises awareness about their contributions to the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, since the Revolutionary War, women have served in every branch and component of the United States Armed Forces, including elite units and serving in combat; and

WHEREAS, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs, women veterans are the fastest-growing demographic of veterans in the United States; and

WHEREAS, women veterans are racially and ethnically diverse, with 43% of women veterans who utilized VA Health Services belonging to a minority group; and

WHEREAS, per the Veterans Affairs Women's Healthcare System, by 2040, women veterans will make up 18% of the veteran population; and

WHEREAS, celebrating the achievements of women veterans honors the dedication of women who defy convention and break barriers, highlighting their courage and resilience, which will inspire future generations of women to serve and lead in the military.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE KEHOE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim June 12, 2026, to be

WOMEN VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY

in Missouri.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 27th day of May 2026.



Michael Kehoe
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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Denny Hoskins
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SECRETARY OF STATE