



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION

**FEMALE VETERANS DAY
March 27, 2019**

WHEREAS, women have a long and often unrecognized history in providing military service to the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, with more than 70,000 Pennsylvania women serving in various branches of the armed forces and an estimated 60,000 women veterans in Pennsylvania, unfortunately their selfless service too often goes unnoticed; and

WHEREAS, our veterans disregard personal well-being and act with incredible honor to preserve for us, the citizens of this great nation, a gift of unapproachable magnitude: our freedom; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania honors the tremendous sacrifices our women in uniform have made in order to defend our country; and

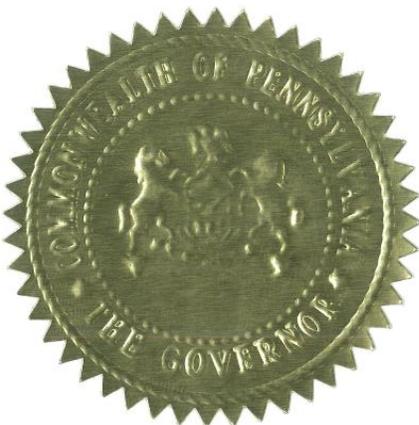
WHEREAS, it is the commonwealth's duty to honor the memory of our dedicated servicewomen who never returned home, having made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our nation and its way of life; and

WHEREAS, the commonwealth pays special tribute to the valiant guardians of our freedom who remain listed as Missing in Action and offers our support to the loving families who hope for their safe return; and

WHEREAS, as citizens of the United States of America, we owe an inexpressible debt to our female veterans, and today we ask that their spirit never be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, the valor and devotion to duty demonstrated by current and past servicewomen have paved the way for future generations.

THEREFORE, in special recognition of the courageous efforts of our distinguished female veterans, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim March 27, 2019, as FEMALE VETERANS DAY. I encourage all citizens to recognize the caliber of character and courage of servicewomen who answer the call of action with pride and conviction.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this twentieth day of March two thousand nineteen, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-third.

Tom Wolf
TOM WOLF
Governor