



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, throughout all periods of history for both the State of Tennessee and the United States, women have served proudly as citizens and as public servants both unofficially and formally in their efforts to secure and preserve the freedom of all; and

**WHEREAS**, women have proudly served informally since the inception of the United States Military and most honorably for the State of Tennessee. Notable dates include: the Army Nurses Corps 1901; Women Armed Services Integration Act June 12, 1948; combat jobs open to women December 3, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, women have also served honorably and with valor, specifically during the American Revolutionary War, Civil War, both World Wars, the Vietnam and Korean Wars, and in more modern times Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom; and

**WHEREAS**, a significant number of women have served this country, topping over 350,000 during World War II serving in all functional areas of war. Some were captured and held as POWs, while others made the ultimate sacrifice; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Tennessee has over 40,000 women Veterans who have served this Country and State with courageous, honorable military service and continue to serve their communities, schools, businesses, and religious institutions; and

**WHEREAS**, we are proud to honor female veterans, highlighting the growing presence of women in the entire United States Armed Forces, and recognize the service and sacrifice of women veterans who have served valiantly on behalf of the State of Tennessee;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim June 12, 2022, as

*Women's Veterans Day*

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this fourth day of May 2022.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Lee".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. D. Hargitt".

Secretary of State

