

STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, women have a long history of military service to our nation, beginning with volunteer service in support of the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War; and

WHEREAS, women were officially recognized as part of the United States Armed Forces with the creation of the Army Nurse Corps in 1901; and

WHEREAS, on June 12, 1948, President Harry S. Truman signed the Women's Armed Services Integration Act, allowing women to serve as regular members of the military; and

WHEREAS, more than 10 percent of our nation's 19 million Armed Forces veterans are women, and 16,600 live in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, women veterans in New Mexico excel in leadership and hard work as they serve the state as doctors, engineers, educators, business leaders, and in many other important capacities:

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim June 12, 2021 as:

"Women Veterans Day"

throughout the state of New Mexico.

Attest:

Maggie Soulouse Cliver

Maggie Toulouse Oliver

Secretary of State

Done at the Executive Office this 4th day of May 2021.

Witness my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Mexico.

Michelle Lujan Grisham

Governor