



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, women have a long yet mostly unknown history of military service to our nation, dating back to their volunteer service in support of the Continental Army in the battle for our country's independence; and

WHEREAS, women were officially recognized as a part of the United States Armed Forces since 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% of our nation's 18.5 million military veterans are women—of which 16,825 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; and

WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico is grateful for our women veterans who, as with all veterans, selflessly served with dedication, honor, and bravery in service to our state and country.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim June 12, 2023 as:

"Women Veterans Day"

throughout the state of New Mexico.

Attest:

Maggie Toulouse Oliver
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Secretary of State

Done at the Executive Office this
24th day of May 2023.

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



Michelle Lujan Grisham
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Governor