

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: On June 12, 1948, President Harry S. Truman signed into law the Women's Armed Service Integration Act, allowing women to serve as permanent, regular members of the military; and

WHEREAS: Today, there are thousands of women veterans in Arkansas who have served our country in times of peace and war, many of whom put themselves in harm's way to fight for our way of life, often in the face of adversity; and

WHEREAS: Through their service, these women made invaluable contributions to our Armed Forces and have inspired women of all races, classes, and backgrounds to defend American principles of liberty, opportunity, and justice for all; and

WHEREAS: By answering the call of duty, these courageous women have taken up arms to secure and defend core values required by our Armed Forces and risked their lives to protect fellow Service Members; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas recognizes the courage, honor, and commitment with which women have served, and continue to serve, in defense of our great nation; and

WHEREAS: On this day, the State of Arkansas celebrates and commemorates 74 years of service, dedication, sacrifice, and valor to our women veterans;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim June 12th, 2022, as

WOMEN VETERANS RECOGNITION DAY

and I encourage all Arkansans to remember the sacrifices and contributions that female veterans have made to protecting our nation's core values and beliefs.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 6th day of June, in the year of our Lord 2022.



Asa Hutchinson

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

John Thurston

John Thurston, Secretary of State