

John Bel Edwards

GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Louisiana has more than 287,000 veterans living in our state, of

which 28, 373 are women veterans; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana recognizes the courage and contributions of service

women and their families; and

WHEREAS, on June 12, 1948, the Women's Armed Services Integration Act

was signed into law, allowing women to serve as regular members

of the military; and

WHEREAS, today, there are over 214,000 women serving faithfully and

Honorably in every rank and military occupational specialty, that

is 14.6 percent of the total active-duty military; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana honors our women veterans who voluntarily put

themselves in harm's way to fiercely defend and protect our nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Bel Edwards, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby

proclaim June 12, 2018 as

LOUISIANA WOMEN VETERANS DAY

in the State of Louisiana.

In Wilness Whoroof, I have hereunte set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this <u>12th</u> day of <u>June</u>

A.D., <u>2018.</u>

Governor of Louisiana