STATE of WISCONSIN



WHEREAS; millions of Americans have served in the United States Armed Forces to preserve and defend the freedoms and quality of life enjoyed by folks across our country; and

WHEREAS; according to the United States and Wisconsin Departments of Veterans Affairs, there are approximately 20 million veterans nationwide, including 345,000 living in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; every year, Veterans Day presents all Wisconsinites and all Americans with the opportunity to recognize those who have served and thank them and their families for the sacrifices they have endured on behalf of the people of the United States; and

WHEREAS; our veterans deserve to be honored for their bravery, service, and sacrifice, and we acknowledge the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) for their commitment to helping veterans succeed in their civilian lives by offering vital assistance to them and their families in the form of healthcare, vocational, and rehabilitation programming, services, and grants; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins the WDVA, the federal government, community organizations, and folks throughout our country in expressing our sincere gratitude for the brave Americans who have served on behalf of our country;

> NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2020, as

VETERANS DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 5th day of November 2020.

GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FO Secretary of State