

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 Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA), there are more than 19 million veterans nationwide, including nearly 343,000 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 to thank them and their families for the sacrifices they have endured on behalf of the people of the United States; and

WHEREAS; veterans of every conflict and war deserve to be honored for their bravery, service, and sacrifice, and we acknowledge the WDVA for their longstanding commitment to help 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 VA, and community organizations that serve veterans across our state, along with all Wisconsinites and Americans, in expressing our sincere gratitude for the brave and selfless individuals who have served on behalf of our country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim November 11, 2021, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State