WHEREAS, June 12, 2019, commemorates the 71st Anniversary of the Women’s Armed Services Integration Act, which was signed into law by President Harry S. Truman in 1948 and enabled women to serve in all branches of the military as permanent, regular members; and

WHEREAS, since 1948, approximately two million women have served in every branch and component of the Armed Forces to protect and defend our country’s values and ideals; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin is home to approximately 30,000 women veterans who deserve to be recognized for their bravery and service; and

WHEREAS, women are the fastest growing demographic of veterans and are trailblazers in a historically male-dominated environment; and

WHEREAS, despite their resilience and strength, women veterans face unique challenges within their battalions and must be treated equitably, fairly, and with the utmost respect; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs Women Veterans Program advocates for, empowers, and supports Wisconsin’s women veterans through a Woman Veteran of the Year Award, annual Women Veterans Retreat, as well as other programs that recognize the achievements of Wisconsin’s women veterans;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim June 12, 2019 as

WOMEN VETERANS DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our citizens.

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 10th day of June 2019.

Tony Evers
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette
Secretary of State