



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

VETERANS DAY IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Florida is recognized as one of our nation's most military and veteran-friendly states, with 1.5 million veterans calling the Sunshine State home; and

WHEREAS, the patriotism of those in uniform who have defended the timeless truths and great freedoms on which our nation was founded will continue to serve as inspiration for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Day is a national and state holiday that is an important opportunity to honor our courageous men and women who have honorably served in the Armed Forces of the United States; and

WHEREAS, as Floridians and Americans, we take great pride in honoring our soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, coast guardsmen and merchant mariners on this day and every day; and

WHEREAS, the national observance honoring our veterans has its origins in Armistice Day, commemorating the end of World War I, before becoming the more inclusive Veterans Day in 1954; and

WHEREAS, Florida's *Forward March* initiative aims to unite the combined energy and resources of our state agencies, veterans' service organizations, private partners and local communities to ensure our veterans are being provided with the services and support they deserve; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Initiative on Lawyers Assisting Warriors (GI LAW) is leveraging the talent of Florida's leading law firms to provide pro bono services to military members; and

WHEREAS, Florida will always honor and support the selfless sacrifices and courage of our military spouses, children, and families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing November 11, 2020, as *Veterans Day In Florida*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 11th day of November, in the year two thousand twenty.


Governor