



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

VETERANS DAY IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the state of Florida is proud of our country's veterans and recognizes them as national heroes; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Day honors the great American patriots who answered the call of duty, often serving in harm's way to protect and preserve our freedoms; and

WHEREAS, we are inspired by the valor and dedication of those in uniform who continue to defend the principles upon which our nation was founded; and

WHEREAS, Florida is home to nearly 1.5 million veterans, and is proud to be the most military- and veteran-friendly state in the nation; and

WHEREAS, through the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs, we further support our state's heroes by ensuring they have the resources they need to be successful and take care of their families; and

WHEREAS, in May 2023, Governor Ron DeSantis signed SB 732, establishing the Collegiate Purple Star Campuses Program to support military members, veterans, and their families while they are attending a Florida college or university; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the Florida legislature passed SB 274, the "Pathway for Military Combat Medics Act," giving military combat veterans postsecondary course credit for their military combat medic training to be used toward a nursing education program, which will allow veterans to earn their nursing degree at a lower cost; and

WHEREAS, Florida honors Gold Star Families by connecting family members who have lost loved ones in service with Florida Survivor Outreach Services Support Coordinators, who can provide long-term support and assistance to Families of the Fallen; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that all Floridians honor America's 19.1 million veterans, who have fought for our nation's freedoms and built an honorable tradition of faithful and dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, all Floridians are encouraged to participate in Veterans Day ceremonies and observances honoring our nation's veterans who have steadfastly stood watch over America.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing November 11, 2023, 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-three.


Governor