

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 14-88 (The Governor's Veterans Service Award)

WHEREAS, millions of Americans have worn the uniforms of the Armed Forces of the United States; and

WHEREAS, thousands of veterans and their families make Florida their home; and

WHEREAS, the unwavering commitment of our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, and Merchant Mariners has preserved our freedoms and saved millions around the world from tyranny; and

WHEREAS, all Floridians draw inspiration from the heroism and dedication of those who serve and sacrifice for the cause of liberty and our way of life; and

WHEREAS, Florida has the reputation as the most veteran-friendly state in our nation; and

WHEREAS, it is proper that all Floridians honor America's military veterans, including Florida's more than 1.5 million living veterans, through whose selfless service and sacrifice we enjoy freedom and liberty.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, as Governor of Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article IV, section (1)(a) of the Florida Constitution, and all other applicable laws, do hereby promulgate the following Executive Order, to take immediate effect:

Section 1. The "Governor's Veterans Service Award" is hereby created. This award shall bear a suitable inscription and ribbon of appropriate design, which may be presented to any legal resident of this state who either:

- a) Is serving honorably as a member of the United States Armed Forces, the United States Coast Guard, the Florida National Guard, or the United States Reserve Forces; or
- b) Has been honorably discharged or retired from active duty as a member of the United States Armed Forces, the United States Coast Guard, the Florida National Guard, the United States Reserve Forces, or Merchant Mariners with veteran status.

Section 2. The creation and award of the Governor's Veterans Service Award serves a public purpose as provided herein and is in the best interest of the State of Florida.

Section 3. All agencies shall assist in identifying service members and veterans who are eligible for this award recognition and to facilitate presentation of this Award.

Section 4. The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall assist in the identification of eligible service members and veterans and shall assist coordinating events, activities, and promotions to facilitate the presentation of this award.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 13th day of March, 2014.





RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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