

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION

On this day each year, we celebrate the men and women who answered the call to join the U.S. Armed Forces. Regardless of when or why they joined, or their branch of service, on Veterans Day we honor all who served.

Veterans Day represents a time-honored tribute that began more than a century ago as Armistice Day, and its meaning remains as important as ever. We honor the heroes, past and present, who defended this nation in World War I and II, the Korean, Vietnam, Persian Gulf, Iraq and Afghanistan wars, and during peacetime.

Today and every day, we must demonstrate our gratitude for the tremendous sacrifices made to this nation by the approximately 19 million living Americans who served, including over 1.6 million Californians. These individuals continue to serve their communities as small business owners, civic leaders, first responders, volunteers, mentors and in countless other roles.

Our value as Americans should be measured, in no small part, by how we honor and respect the brave men and women who answered their nation's call to defend our freedoms and way of life.

As communities across the state and nation show their love and support for our veterans today, let us reaffirm our commitment to honoring those who have served with the respect, care and gratitude they deeply deserve.

**NOW THEREFORE I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2021, as "Veterans Day."

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021.



  
GAVIN NEWSOM  
Governor of California

**ATTEST:**

  
SHIRLEY N. WEBER, Ph.D.  
Secretary of State