RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

VETERANS DAY AND VETERANS APPRECIATION MONTH 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 1.4 million veterans, and is proud to be the most military- and veteran-friendly state in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs supports our state's heroes by ensuring they are connected to the services, benefits, and support they have earned to be successful and care for their families; and

WHEREAS, Florida honors its network of 10 Honor Flight hubs, transporting World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans to see their memorials in Washington, D.C. at no cost; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that on our 250th Anniversary, we honor America's 17.3 million veterans who have fought for our nation's freedoms and built an honorable tradition of faithful and dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, Florida designates each November as Veterans Appreciation Month, focusing on a month-long recognition of our state veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, all Floridians are encouraged to participate in Veterans Day ceremonies and observances honoring our nation's veterans who have 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, 2026, as *Veterans Day,* and November 2026, *as Veterans Appreciation Month 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 30th day of October, in the year two thousand twenty-six.

Governor

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