

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, on June 12, 1948, President Harry S. Truman signed into law the Women's Armed Service Integration Act, allowing women to serve as permanent, regular members of the military; and

WHEREAS, today, there are more than 45,000 women veterans in South Carolina who have served our country in times of peace and war, many of whom served on various battlefields in harm's way to fight for our way of life, often in the face of adversity; and

WHEREAS, through their service, these women made invaluable contributions to our Armed Forces and have inspired women of all races, classes, and ethnic backgrounds to defend the American principles of liberty, opportunity, and justice for all; and

WHEREAS, by answering the call of duty, these courageous women have taken up arms to secure, defend, and maintain core principle values required by our Armed Forces and risked their lives to protect their fellow Service Members; and

WHEREAS, the Palmetto State recognizes the courage, honor, and dignity with which women have served, and continue to serve, in defense of our great nation; and

WHEREAS, on this day, the people of South Carolinians celebrate and commemorate 74 years of service, dedication, sacrifice, and valor to our nation by women veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 12, 2023, as

### WOMEN VETERANS RECOGNITION DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to pause to reflect on the sacrifices of all women veterans who have put on the uniform to serve in the United States military and celebrate their achievements and extraordinary contributions to our state.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Henry McMaster".

**HENRY McMASTER**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**