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Recognizes More Than 60 Florida Veterans with Governor's Veterans Service Medal



TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Today, during a meeting of the Florida Cabinet, Governor Rick Scott and the Florida Cabinet issued the following resolution recognizing November 11, 2017 as Veterans Day. Governor Scott also recognized more than 60 veterans with the Governor's Veterans Service Medal for their service to Florida and the nation.

Governor Rick Scott said, "I am proud to issue this resolution recognizing Veteran's Day as we honor those who have served our great nation. Florida is committed to being the most military and veteran friendly state in the nation. As a veteran myself, I think it is so important to thank our courageous veterans for their service defending our country's freedom."

Colonel Glenn Sutphin, Executive Director of the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs, said, "On this Veterans Day, we ask you to pause, reflect and thank our state's more than 1.5 million veterans who have defended the principles upon which our country was founded. From our network of award-winning state veterans' homes to connecting veterans to their earned benefits and services, Florida is the most veteran-friendly state in the nation."

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, for more than two centuries, individuals from all walks of life have taken up arms and sworn an oath to support and defend the principles upon which our country was founded; and

WHEREAS, throughout our history, courageous men and women have donned the uniform of our Armed Forces and built a noble tradition of faithful and dedicated service to our Nation; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Day has been set aside as both a national and state holiday to honor those American patriots who answered the call of duty, preserving our freedoms and often making the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, we can never fully repay our debt of gratitude to those heroic men and women who served, were wounded, or even died in battle; 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, we continue to draw inspiration from the heroism and dedication of those who currently serve and sacrifice for the cause of liberty and justice; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting 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, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida do hereby recognize November 11, 2017, as

VETERANS DAY

and call upon all Floridians to honor the contributions of current and former members of the United States Armed Services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida encourage citizens to participate in local Veterans Day activities honoring the men and women who have stood watch over America.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida have hereunto subscribed their names and have caused the Official Seal of the State of Florida to be hereunto affixed in the City of Tallahassee on this 7th day of November 2017.

RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

**JIMMY PATRONIS
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

**ADAM. H. PUTNAM
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE**

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