

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION

On Veterans Day, we pay tribute to those who selflessly served in our nation's military to defend our cherished freedoms and way of life. Many put their lives on the line, leaving behind their families and communities.

At its inception, Veterans Day was known as "Armistice Day," commemorating the armistice that ended World War I on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. Originally conceived to honor those who fought in the "war to end all wars," Armistice Day became Veterans Day in 1954 to recognize all veterans who have served and sacrificed for our nation.

Today, roughly 1.5 million veterans call California home, represented in every facet of our society. They are leaders across the public and private sectors, first responders and public safety personnel, and employees and employers who drive California's world-class economy.

At the same time, many suffer from the physical and emotional scars of war and service. California is committed to supporting our veterans. In March, the state passed Proposition 1, which earmarks \$1 billion in funding to build housing for veterans with behavioral health needs. We are also implementing the California Veterans Health Initiative to support veteran mental health and suicide prevention efforts.

Today and every day, let us honor the commitment and personal sacrifices that our veterans have made to defend our nation. While we can never fully repay them for their service, California is dedicated to ensuring that they are supported, connected and respected in our great state.


NOW THEREFORE I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2024, 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 31st day of October 2024.




GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:


SHIRLEY N. WEBER, Ph.D.
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