



“Women Veterans Recognition Day” June 12, 2019

Governor Gretchen Whitmer declared today “Women Veterans Recognition Day.” Nearly 44,000 living women veterans currently reside in Michigan.

Governor Whitmer said, “The goal of this declaration was to bring awareness to what women veterans need year-round when they return home from service. It would be a chance to brainstorm new ideas to improve access to quality and affordable health care, mental health services and housing.”

This distinguished group of veterans have often been overlooked for their service, duty and overall commitment to God and Country. Many feel underrepresented and underserved in their communities. According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, in FY09/10, the top three diagnostic categories for women Veterans were; PTSD, hypertension and depression. Many suffer from physical trauma as well. It is essential that we continue to be forerunners in securing resources that support adequate physical and mental health services and housing for all our Veterans, but especially today for those women Veterans who served honorably.

I salute Governor Whitmer for implementing such an auspicious day that hopefully will be filled with an abundance of thankfulness, gratitude and appreciation.

Take time today to appreciate any women who have served in The United States Armed Forces.

Thank you for your service, ma'am!