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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 480 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY RESCHENTHALER, BARTOLOTTA, FONTANA, GREENLEAF,  
MENSCH, MARTIN, REGAN, EICHELBERGER, BROWNE, BROOKS, COSTA,  
RAFFERTY, KILLION AND WHITE, OCTOBER 17, 2018

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating October 27 through November 11, 2018, as "Military  
2 Appreciation Week" in Pennsylvania in coordination with The  
3 Pennsylvania State University.

4 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State University (Penn State) has a  
5 long history of support for our military and acknowledges the  
6 many contributions of those who have bravely served our country;  
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8 WHEREAS, Penn State has a longstanding and proud tradition of  
9 serving the men and women of our military and giving back  
10 through education, benefits and resources; and

11 WHEREAS, Penn State's annual Military Appreciation  
12 celebration is an opportunity for the Penn State community to  
13 join together to honor and publicly commend those who have  
14 served; and

15 WHEREAS, It is our responsibility to do everything we can to  
16 honor and support those who have served our nation; and

17 WHEREAS, Penn State has the largest Military Appreciation  
18 celebration of its kind in the Big 10 Conference; and

1       WHEREAS, While Penn State regularly offers multiple programs  
2 of support, resources and wide-ranging recognition to our  
3 military personnel, it also dedicates two weeks in the fall to  
4 our service men and women; and

5       WHEREAS, Today, more than 5,600 Penn State students have  
6 direct military ties as active-duty service members, reservists,  
7 veterans or military dependents, across all of Penn State's  
8 campuses, including Penn State World Campus; and

9       WHEREAS, Penn State has consistently been recognized as a  
10 military-friendly school for the many academic programs and  
11 support resources available to active duty, veteran and Reserve  
12 Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) students; and

13       WHEREAS, For veteran students at every Penn State campus and  
14 online through the World Campus, Penn State offers peer  
15 counseling services and assists with VA benefits, the college  
16 application process, financial aid and living arrangements  
17 through the Office of Veterans Programs; and

18       WHEREAS, As part of its mission, Penn State has offered  
19 training in military studies since its founding in 1855; and

20       WHEREAS, The GI Bill helped boost enrollments at Penn State  
21 following World War II; and

22       WHEREAS, ROTC participation at Penn State was mandatory for  
23 male students until 1962; and

24       WHEREAS, This year's Military Appreciation theme recognizes  
25 100 years of women officially serving in the United States Armed  
26 Forces since World War I; and

27       WHEREAS, At Penn State, women have a rich military history,  
28 from training as aeronautical engineers during World War II to  
29 participating in the university's ROTC beginning in 1972, when  
30 for the first time women were permitted to join the program

1 nationally; and

2 WHEREAS, Today, approximately 25% of Penn State's ROTC cadets  
3 are women serving alongside male counterparts; and

4 WHEREAS, Military service is an integral component of Penn  
5 State's long history; therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate October 27 through  
7 November 11, 2018, as "Military Appreciation Week" in  
8 Pennsylvania in coordination with The Pennsylvania State  
9 University; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize Penn State's history of  
11 support for our nation's military and honor those who have  
12 served in the United States Armed Forces.