
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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STEFANO, VOGEL, J. WARD AND YUDICHAK, JUNE 4, 2021

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, JUNE 4, 2021

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating June 12, 2021, as "Women Veterans Appreciation Day"
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Throughout all periods in the history of the United
4 States, women have proudly served the United States to secure
5 and preserve freedom and liberty for Pennsylvanians, the people
6 of the United States and the allies of the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, Women have formally been a part of the United States
8 Armed Forces since the establishment of the Army Nurse Corps in
9 1901, but have informally served since the inception of the
10 United States military; and

11 WHEREAS, Women have served honorably and with valor,
12 including disguising themselves as male soldiers during the
13 American Revolution and the Civil War, serving as nurses during
14 World War I and World War II and serving as combat helicopter
15 pilots in Afghanistan; and

16 WHEREAS, As of May 2019, women constitute approximately 15%
17 of United States Armed Forces personnel on active duty,

1 including nearly 19% of active duty personnel in the Air Force,
2 18% of active duty personnel in the Navy, 14% of active duty
3 personnel in the Army, 8% of active duty personnel in the Marine
4 Corps and nearly 15% of active duty personnel in the Coast
5 Guard; and

6 WHEREAS, As of May 2019, women constitute nearly 21% of
7 personnel in the National Guard and Reserves; and

8 WHEREAS, The population of women veterans is approximately
9 2,000,000, which represents an exponential increase from
10 1,100,000 in 1980; and

11 WHEREAS, Women constitute approximately 10% of the total
12 veteran population; and

13 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth is proud of its more than 60,000
14 female veterans and appreciates the service of all women
15 veterans across the country who have demonstrated great skill,
16 sacrifice and commitment in defending the principles upon which
17 the United States was founded and which the United States
18 continues to uphold; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate June 12, 2021, as "Women
20 Veterans Appreciation Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the Senate highlight the growing presence of
22 women in the Armed Forces and the National Guard and pay respect
23 to women veterans for their dutiful military service.