



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**PROCLAMATION**

**VETERANS DAY**  
**November 11, 2017**

*WHEREAS, carefully preserved within the pages of American history lie the valiant stories of the men and women who fought with valor and fortitude to defend the ideals upon which our great nation was founded: liberty, freedom, and justice; and*

*WHEREAS, these dedicated men and women, our United States veterans, reinforce the truth that heroism is not a gift or a goal, but often a moment, and sometimes a lifetime, of pure selflessness; and*

*WHEREAS, our veterans disregard personal well-being and act with incredible honor to preserve for us, the citizens of this great nation, a gift of unapproachable magnitude: our freedom; and*

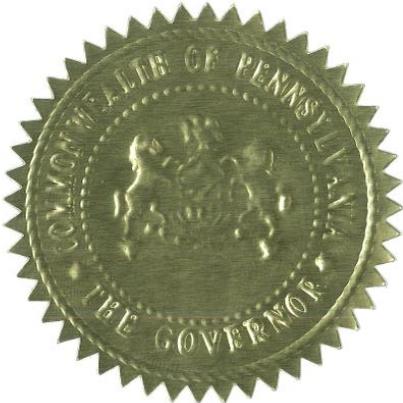
*WHEREAS, we come together to recognize all our distinguished veterans whose service has allowed our nation to prosper and has allowed us all to live in freedom; and*

*WHEREAS, it is the commonwealth's duty to honor the memory of our dedicated servicemen and women who never returned home, having made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our nation and its way of life; and*

*WHEREAS, the commonwealth pays special tribute to the valiant guardians of our freedom who remain listed as Missing in Action, and offer our support to the loving families who hope for their safe return; and*

*WHEREAS, as citizens of the United States of America, we owe an inexpressible debt to our veterans, and today we ask with humility and eternal gratitude that their spirit never be forgotten.*

*THEREFORE, in special recognition of the courageous efforts of our distinguished veterans, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2017, as VETERANS DAY. I encourage all citizens to participate in activities that bestow honor and commendation on American heroes past and present.*



*GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this fifth day of September two thousand seventeen, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-second.*

*Tom Wolf*  
**TOM WOLF**  
Governor