STATE *of* WISCONSIN

OFFICE *of the* GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; millions of Americans have served in the United States Armed Forces to preserve and defend the freedoms and quality of life enjoyed by individuals across the country; and

WHEREAS; with approximately 17 million veterans nationwide, including an estimated 300,000 living in Wisconsin, every year, Veterans Day and Veteran Recognition Week present Wisconsinites and Americans with the opportunity to recognize those who have served and to thank them and their families for the sacrifices they have made on behalf of the people of the United States; and

WHEREAS; veterans of every conflict and war deserve to be honored for their bravery, service, and sacrifice, and the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs has long maintained its commitment to helping veterans succeed in their civilian lives by offering vital assistance to them and their families in the form of healthcare, vocational and rehabilitation programming, services, and grants; and

WHEREAS; as the nation celebrates 250 years this year, the state joins Wisconsinites in reflecting on the incredible sacrifices that have been made to see the country here today and in honoring the generations of Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Guardians, and Coast Guard members from Wisconsin and beyond who have answered the call to serve; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin joins the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, the VA, and community organizations that serve veterans across the state, along with all Wisconsinites and Americans, in expressing sincere gratitude for the brave and selfless individuals who have served;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim November 5 – 11, 2026, as

VETERAN RECOGNITION WEEK

and November 11, 2026, as

VETERANS DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 2nd day of November 2026.

Tony Evers

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Sarah Godlewski

SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State