

SENATE MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 108

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 15, 2026

The Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably Senate Joint Resolution No. 108.

This joint resolution designates November 2026 as Veterans Month in New Jersey.

Throughout the history of the United States, brave men and women have served with honor in the Armed Forces of this country and participated in wars and conflicts in which this country has engaged. Individuals serving in the United States Armed Forces have made significant sacrifices to ensure that this nation and the American people are safe and secure, allowing millions of people across the country to enjoy the blessings of freedom, peace, and representative government. The people of the United States, and of this State, owe a great debt of gratitude to all our military veterans who have stood, in times of peace and war, for individual liberty and a free and democratic government.

There are approximately 15.8 million veterans in the United States, with approximately 350,000 veterans residing in New Jersey. With many veterans and multiple active military bases in New Jersey, the State should provide ample opportunities to honor the dedicated servicemembers who protect the nation's freedom every day.

Originally celebrated as Armistice Day beginning in 1918 to recognize the victory of the Allied Forces of World War I, Veterans Day is celebrated on November 11 of each year to recognize those who served in all wars. It is therefore fitting and proper to designate November 2026 as Veterans Month in New Jersey, in recognition of the achievements, contributions, and sacrifices of the brave men and women who have served this country.