

P.L. 2019, Joint Resolution No. 15, *approved June 12, 2019*
Senate Joint Resolution No. 114

1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** designating June 12 of each year as “Women
2 Veterans Appreciation Day” in New Jersey.

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4 **WHEREAS**, Women have proudly served their country throughout all
5 periods of the history of the United States to secure and preserve
6 freedom and liberty for all Americans and our allies; 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 our nation’s
10 military; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Whether disguised as male soldiers during the American
12 Revolution and Civil War, as nurses in World Wars I and II, or as
13 combat helicopter pilots in Afghanistan, women have served
14 honorably and with valor; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Today, women constitute approximately 15 percent of the
16 military personnel on active duty; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Currently, women comprise nearly 19 percent of all active
18 duty personnel in the Air Force, 18 percent of the Navy, 14 percent
19 of the Army, and eight percent of all Marines; and

20 **WHEREAS**, In New Jersey, women constitute roughly 18 percent of the
21 total population of the New Jersey Army National Guard and make
22 up 23 percent of the New Jersey Air National Guard; and

23 **WHEREAS**, The population of women veterans is expected to reach 2
24 million by 2020 increasing exponentially from 1.1 million in 1980,
25 comprising more than 10 percent of the veteran population; and

26 **WHEREAS**, New Jersey is proud of and appreciates the service of its
27 own 25,678 women veterans who have demonstrated great skill,
28 sacrifice, and commitment to defending the principles upon which
29 our Nation was founded and continues to uphold; and

30 **WHEREAS**, The State of New Jersey can highlight the growing
31 presence of women in the Nation’s armed forces and the State’s
32 national guard and pay respect to women veterans for their dutiful
33 military service by designing June 12 as “Women Veteran
34 Appreciation Day” in New Jersey; now, therefore,

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36 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
37 *State of New Jersey:*

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39 1. June 12 of each year is designated as “Women Veterans
40 Appreciation Day” in New Jersey to recognize the service and
41 sacrifices of women veterans who have served valiantly on behalf
42 of this State and the United States of America.

