

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Veterans Day is a day to honor those veterans who have served and are serving the nation; and

WHEREAS, the armistice ending World War I, regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars,” went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, on November 11, 1918, and

WHEREAS, in 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11th as the first commemoration of Armistice Day and, in 1954, the 83rd Congress amended that act by replacing the word “Armistice” with the word “Veterans,” and President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the first Veterans Day Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, with the passage of the Uniform Holiday Bill in 1968, the observance of Veterans Day was moved to a Monday, but due to the historic and patriotic significance of November 11th, President Gerald R. Ford signed a law in 1975 returning the day to November 11th, beginning in 1978; and

WHEREAS, more than 407,000 men and women living in Wisconsin have served honorably in the U.S. Armed Forces, and more than 32,000 Wisconsin men and women have answered the call to service in the ongoing Global War on Terrorism, including the Reserves and the National Guard; and

WHEREAS, our veterans and their loved ones have made significant sacrifices on behalf of our nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim Friday, November 11, 2011, as

VETERANS DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.

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 19th day of October 2011.


SCOTT WALKER
GOVERNOR



By Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State