

# STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*, whenever called upon to defend our nation's security, the men and women who serve in the U.S. Armed Forces have responded immediately, placing the national interests above their own, including their civilian employment; and

*WHEREAS*, in 1944, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the G.I. Bill, and he observed that more than anything else, American service men and women want "the assurance of satisfactory employment upon their return to civilian life," and 2007 Wisconsin Act 22 declares the week of November that starts on Sunday and ends on Saturday, and in which November 11<sup>th</sup> falls, as "Hire a Veteran Week;" and

*WHEREAS*, many of the state's more than 407,000 veterans wish to be contributing members of the labor force, and more than 32,000 Wisconsin men and women who have served in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and more than two-fifths of the Wisconsin Veterans of those wars are from the Wisconsin National Guard and the Reserves; and

*WHEREAS*, veterans bring unique knowledge, skills, and leadership abilities from military service, and have acquired specific technical and job skills that require little or no retraining; and

*WHEREAS*, the U.S. Department of Labor Veterans Employment and Training Service provides technical assistance to employers and returning service members involving veterans re-employment rights; and

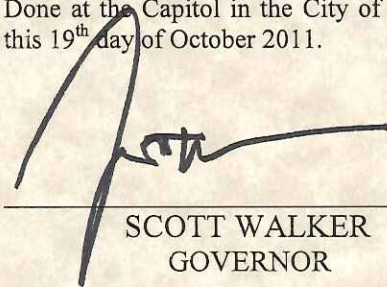
*WHEREAS*, the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs and Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development provide employment assistance and resources to employers who wish to hire veterans, and Wisconsin's State and County governments provide advocates to assist veterans in acquiring the skills needed by Wisconsin employers;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim November 6 – 12, 2011, as

### HIRE A VETERAN WEEK

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 19<sup>th</sup> day of October 2011.



SCOTT WALKER  
GOVERNOR

the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State