Proclamation

by

Steven L. Beshear
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky

To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Kentucky promotes policies and programs to ensure that all its veterans receive the benefits and services they have earned; and

WHEREAS, There are more than 33,000 women veterans in Kentucky, nearly ten percent of our total veteran population; and

WHEREAS, Women have served in every military conflict since the Revolutionary War, including Kentuckian Dr. Mary Walker – the only woman to receive the Medal of Honor, for providing casualty care during World War I; and

WHEREAS, Service women today are expected to face the same risks as their male counterparts in today's military operations; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky's women veterans are statistically less likely than male veterans to claim and receive the benefits and services they have earned, and the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs is determined to reverse this trend, employing the motto, "Kentucky Women Veterans Unite!;" and

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth recognizes the role and contributions of Kentucky women veterans in preserving and protecting this great nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim the year 2015 as the

YEAR OF THE WOMAN VETERAN

in Kentucky, and encourage its observance.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the 30th day of December, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen and in the 223rd year of the Commonwealth.

STEVEN L. BESHEAR
GOVERNOR

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