

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, June 12, 1948, marks the historic day when women were officially recognized as regular members of the United States military with the signing of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act; and

WHEREAS, women have served and continue to serve with distinction in all branches of the United States Armed Forces, demonstrating exceptional courage, dedication, and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, women veterans have played critical roles in the defense and security of our nation, from serving in combat zones to fulfilling vital support and leadership positions; and

WHEREAS, women veterans have made significant contributions during and after their military service, enriching our communities with their skills, leadership, and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, women veterans face unique challenges, including access to healthcare, mental health services, and the transition to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, Illinois is home to thousands of women veterans whose sacrifices and valor are a source of pride and inspiration for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to set aside a day to honor and recognize the invaluable contributions of women veterans to our state and nation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, declare June 12, 2024, as Women's Veterans Day in the City of Chicago, to commemorate the day women were officially added as regular members of the United States military, to recognize the critical role of women in the military forces, and to commemorate the sacrifices and valor displayed by Illinois women veterans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that residents of Chicago are encouraged to participate in activities and events that honor the service and sacrifices of women veterans on this day and throughout the year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we pledge to support and advocate for the needs of women veterans, in order that they receive the recognition, healthcare, and opportunities they have rightfully earned; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we pay tribute and express our gratitude to women veterans who have contributed so much to the defense of our nation.