State of Connecticut

By His Excellency **Dannel P. Malloy**, Governor: a

PROCLAMATION

*A*mericans of our country are proud of the men and women who have fought to defend our liberty and freedom, the principles on which our nation was founded.

*F*rom the Revolutionary militias through today's modern armed forces, American service members have defended our country in times of challenge, brought honor to the United States and created a solid foundation for its continued security, growth and prosperity.

*D*espite the tremendous perils and pressures of wartime, our armed forces have defended the country with distinction and courage. The citizens of the United States will forever owe an immense debt of gratitude to our veterans for the sacrifices they have made to secure the safety of our country.

*A*s an expression of that gratitude, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed into law an act calling for the observance of Veterans Day on November 11th of each year. That date was originally designated in 1921 as Armistice Day in remembrance of the end of World War I, and as a perpetual reminder of the blessings of peace. However, by 1954, the observance widened to honor the courageous veterans of all foreign conflicts.

*O*ur veterans reflect the preeminent qualities of patriotism and courage and continue to make countless contributions to military and civilian life. To honor the principles that motivate their many contributions and accomplishments of all of our veterans and in accordance with the Statutes of the State of Connecticut, I am proud to proclaim November 11, 2013 to be

VETERANS DAY

in the State of Connecticut. I urge that the American flag be displayed on our public buildings and homes on this day, that attention in our schools be directed to the selfless deeds of our veterans, and that communities throughout Connecticut observe this day with appropriate commemorative exercises.

Given under my hand and seal of the State at the Capitol, in Hartford, this eleventh day of November, two thousand and thirteen and of the independence of the United States the two hundred thirty-seventh.

by His Excellency's Command

Secretary of the State