

STATE OF MICHIGAN



SEAL OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1817

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN

I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim November 2013 as

HIRE A VETERAN MONTH

WHEREAS, in the midst of World War II, the United States Department of Labor estimated that 15 million men and women serving in the armed services would be unemployed after the war; and,

WHEREAS, in 1943, a series of programs for education and training were presented to Congress and received unanimous support from both chambers; on June 22, 1944, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Serviceman's Readjustment Act, commonly known as the GI Bill, into law, providing veterans of World War II funds for education, unemployment insurance and housing; and,

WHEREAS, in 2002, Public Law 107-288, Jobs for Veterans Act, was created to review and improve employment, training and placement services for veterans; in 2011, Public Law 112-56, VOW to Hire Heroes Act, was created to improve employment opportunities for veterans through the Work Opportunity Tax Credit, and to improve training opportunities for veterans through the Veterans Retraining Assistance Program; and,

WHEREAS, last year, Public Law 112-147, Veterans Skills to Job Act, was created to increase employment opportunities for veterans through recognizing the transferability of military training; Michigan's nearly 700,000 veterans have sacrificed and bravely defended our nation's safety, security and freedoms, and with their experience and training, are ready to offer Michigan employers a wide range of business, technical and leadership skills; and,

WHEREAS, during this month, we join with Michigan's Workforce Development Agency, Veterans' Services Division to celebrate Hire a Veteran Month; we encourage employers throughout Michigan to recognize the skills and many contributions of Michigan veterans;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim November 2013 as Hire a Veteran Month in Michigan.



Rick Snyder
Governor

