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## **JLC Initiative 2025-05** **Women Veterans Day**

**OBJECTIVE:** to establish June 12th as Women Veterans Day in Virginia, recognizing the contributions and sacrifices of women veterans and commemorating the historic signing of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act.

### **BACKGROUND:**

- **Historic Milestone:** on June 12, 1948, President Harry S. Truman signed into law the Women's Armed Services Integration Act, allowing women to serve as regular members of the U.S. military.
- **Recent Recognition:** on May 5, 2017, Representative Victoria Neave filed House Bill 2698, which led to the establishment of Women Veterans Day in Texas.
- **Virginia's Commitment:** Virginia has a significant population of women veterans who have served honorably in various capacities across all branches of the military.

### **DISCUSSION:** Virginia should:

- Designate June 12th as Women Veterans Day in Virginia to commemorate the signing of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act.
- Recognize Women Veterans Day annually with official proclamations and events.
- This will:
  - **Recognize Contributions:** Honor the service and sacrifices of women veterans in Virginia.
  - **Increase Awareness:** Raise public awareness about the historical and ongoing contributions of women in the military.
  - **Provide Support:** Highlight and promote resources available to women veterans.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Governor and General Assembly establish June 12 as Women Veterans Day in Virginia to honor the significant contributions and sacrifices of women veterans, increase public awareness of their roles in the military, and provide additional support tailored to their unique needs. This initiative will foster greater recognition and appreciation for women veterans throughout the Commonwealth.