



John Bel Edwards
GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Disabled American Veterans (DAV) was founded by World War I veterans on September 25, 1920, and was chartered by an Act of Congress on June 17, 1932 and in 2020, DAV celebrates 100 years of serving veterans of the Armed Forces, their families and survivors and communities; and

WHEREAS, DAV is dedicated to a single purpose which is empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity; and

WHEREAS, DAV accomplishes this by ensuring veterans and their families have access to the full range of benefits available to them, by fighting for the interests of America's injured heroes, and by educating the public about the needs of veterans transitioning back to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, DAV provides free, professional assistance to veterans and their families in obtaining benefits and services provided by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and other agencies; and

WHEREAS, DAV also provides outreach concerning its programs and services to the American people generally, and to disabled veterans and their families specifically; and

WHEREAS, DAV represents the interests of disabled veterans, their families, their widowed spouses and their orphans before the federal government, as well as state and local governments; and

WHEREAS, DAV has fought tirelessly for equal access to critical VA caregiver benefits and services for severely disabled veterans of all generations, resulting in legislation to expand eligibility to those injured prior to September 11, 2001, as part of the VA MISSION Act; and

WHEREAS, DAV co-presents the National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic and National Disabled Veterans TEE Tournament; has organized the nationwide DAV Transportation Network to provide free transportation for veterans to VA medical appointments; operates an active Charitable Service Trust funding the needs of local providers assisting at-risk local veterans; has built an active volunteer corps offering thousands of hours of service to our veterans and communities; offers veterans, transitioning military members and spouses access to employers through its nationwide job fair program; provides emergency assistance to veterans in need through the DAV Disaster Relief Program; and operates the Jesse Brown Memorial Youth Scholarship program to contribute to the lives of young Americans; and

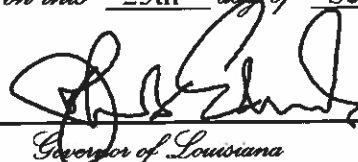
WHEREAS, DAV Department of Louisiana and the 21 chapters across our state demonstrate their unending commitment to ill and injured veterans of all generations and conflicts and the State of Louisiana is proud to honor the members of the Disabled American Veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **John Bel Edwards**, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim September 25, 2020 as

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS DAY
in the State of Louisiana.



*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand
officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the
State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of
Baton Rouge, on this 25th day of September
A.D. 2020.*


Governor of Louisiana