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NEWS RELEASE

City Pays Tribute to American Women Veterans

EL PASO, Texas – Today, the City of El Paso joined the state in celebrating women who have served in the armed forces by proclaiming June 12, 2018 as Women Veterans Day.

The recognition comes on the 70th anniversary of the day women were officially allowed to serve as regular service members through a bill signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. Texas established Women's Veterans Day, in June 2017.

"The City of El Paso is honored to join Texas in recognizing our Veteran women and their families for their remarkable service, sacrifice, and outstanding contributions to our nation," said Dwayne Williams, the City of El Paso's Military Affairs Liaison.

Williams said women have formally been a part of the United States Armed Forces since the inception of Army Nurse Corps in 1901, and have proudly served alongside and supported our nation's military since the American Revolution.

Nationally, approximately 1.5 million veterans in the United States and Puerto Rico are women, and they represent about 8 percent of the total veteran population.

Currently, there are over 213,000 women in the Active component of the U.S. Armed Forces and about 190,000 women in the Reserves and National Guard.

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