

Proclamation
Georgia Military Veterans' Hall of Fame, Inc. Day

WHEREAS, since the founding of Georgia in 1733, over 1,000,000 of its finest citizens have served in the military, to include active duty, reserves and National Guard; and

WHEREAS, the patriotic men and women of Walton County have always served to ensure that Walton County, Georgia and America are defended and protected; and

WHEREAS, Georgia currently has 678,304 living veterans of former service to America's military branches; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, the Georgia Military Veterans' Hall of Fame, Inc. was established to honor and induct annually fifteen Georgians into the nation's premiere military veterans' hall of fame; and

WHEREAS, through 2023, 177 Georgians have been inducted, to include two from Walton County; and

WHEREAS, since establishing an annual "ROTC Scholarship Program" in 2020, the Georgia Military Veterans' Hall of Fame, Inc. has awarded thirty-nine \$4000 scholarships to Georgia's top thirty-nine senior high school JROTC Cadets, who are enrolled in the ROTC Program at a Georgia four-year university; and

WHEREAS, we commend the Georgia Military Veterans' Hall of Fame and the 177 inductees and encourage all citizens to educate themselves concerning this effort and get involved in nominating worth veterans;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Walton County Board of Commissioners, to further recognize and honor this endeavor and inductees, do hereby proclaim Saturday, November 4, 2023 as the Georgia Military Veterans' Hall of Fame Day.

So proclaimed this the 3rd day of October, 2023.

David G. Thompson, Chairman
Walton County Board of Commissioners