

Proclamation

WHEREAS, in 2017, President Trump signed into law the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act which designates every March 29 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day; and

WHEREAS, on this day, America pays tribute to the Vietnam War veterans and their families and honors the sacrifices they made during the war and its aftermath; and

WHEREAS, March 29, 1973 marks the day that the last of our combat troops left Vietnam and the last American prisoners-of-war held in North Vietnam came home; and

WHEREAS, we must not forget the more than 58,000 service men and women whose names are etched into the Vietnam Memorial's polished black granite in Washington, D.C. and the 313 Hawai'i warriors whose names are inscribed in the Vietnam Memorial on the Hawai'i State Capitol grounds, monuments that serve as constant reminders of the price of freedom and liberty; and

WHEREAS, on this special day, we pay homage to the men and women returning from that war who did not receive a proper welcome home; and

WHEREAS, we salute the more than nine million service members who served during the Vietnam War era from November 1, 1955, to May 7, 1975, and the more than six-and-a-half million Vietnam veterans who are living today;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and **I, JOSHUA B. GREEN**, **Lieutenant Governor** of the **State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim March 29, 2019 as

"VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join the nation in observing this day to show our respect to the Vietnam veterans and their families who sacrificed so much for our country.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twentieth day of March 2019.

JOSHUA**B**. GREEN Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i

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