



Proclamation

WHEREAS, National Vietnam War Veterans Day commemorates the sacrifices made by our nation's Vietnam War veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, this day of observance is an opportunity for reconciliation on a complex era of American history when many of the men and women who returned home from the Vietnam War were treated without respect or honor for answering the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, National Vietnam War Veterans Day was proclaimed by the President of the United States in 2012 and signed into law in 2017 to honor the legacy of millions of Vietnam War veterans; and

WHEREAS, March 29th of each year is designated National Vietnam War Veterans Day, signifying the day the last American combat troops departed Vietnam and prisoners of war were released in 1973; and

WHEREAS, this day is to honor all U.S. veterans who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces from November 1, 1995 to May 15, 1975, whether in-country, in-theater or elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, more than 58,000 names are memorialized on our nation's Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, including the names of 1,253 MIA (missing in action); and

WHEREAS, in the State of Hawai'i, 313 names are etched on the Vietnam War Memorial on the grounds of the Hawai'i State Capitol;

WHEREAS, our nation owes a great debt to those men, women and family members who sacrificed much for our nation's freedom;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 29, 2020 as

“NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in thanking and honoring our Vietnam veterans—to all who served, to the fallen, the wounded, MIAs and their families for their service to our country.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this thirteenth day of March 2020.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i