



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, the Vietnam War was fought from 1961 to 1975 and involved North Vietnam and the Viet Cong in conflict with United States and South Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, over 50,000 men and women lost their lives in this Cold War conflict; and

WHEREAS, 216 service members from Idaho were killed and eight were declared missing in action in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, approximately 42,810 Vietnam veterans now live in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, members of the U.S. military who served bravely and faithfully during the Vietnam War were, upon their return home, caught in the crossfire of public debate about the involvement of the United States in the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, powerful emotions about and memories of the war mean that although the conflict ended decades ago, unseen battles continue for many Vietnam veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, Vietnam veterans' relentless insistence on ensuring veterans of later wars are truly recognized by a grateful nation have improved all aspects of service for our modern warriors, verifying that our Vietnam veterans are valuable mentors and leaders who hold dear the service and sacrifices made by their younger brothers and sisters in arms; and

WHEREAS, because Idaho's Vietnam veterans and their families gave much, asked for little, and deserve our utmost respect and dedicated support, the State of Idaho has become a "commemorative partner" of the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration and is thus committed to conducting events and activities to recognize the service, valor and sacrifice of Idaho's Vietnam veterans and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim 2014 as the

50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE VIETNAM WAR

in Idaho, and I hereby urge all citizens to welcome home and thank Idaho's Vietnam-era veterans for their service. I ask all Idaho communities to express their pride and gratitude to those who served in Vietnam, and to continue educating Idahoans on the history of the conflict.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 21st day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and fourteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-eighth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-fourth.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE