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**Executive Department**

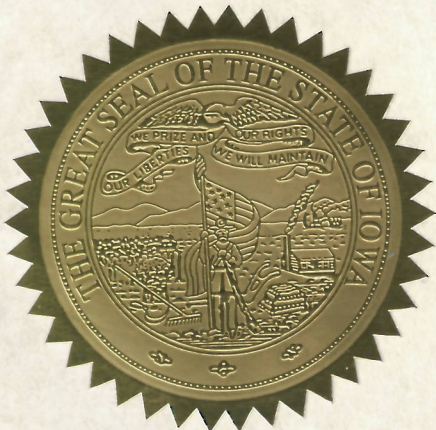
IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

**PROCLAMATION**

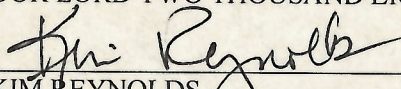
- WHEREAS,** from 1961 to 1975, the men and women of America's armed forces fought on behalf of the South Vietnamese people; and
- WHEREAS,** almost 3.5 million American servicemen and women served in the Southeast Asia theater of war and more than 2.9 million served in Vietnam itself; and
- WHEREAS,** during that long conflict, more than 58,000 Americans-including 867 Iowans-gave their lives for freedom's sake and their names are etched in black granite. Another 300,000 were wounded, and many suffered unspeakably as prisoners of war; and
- WHEREAS,** our nation is resolute in bringing home the more than 1,600 service members still missing; and
- WHEREAS,** Vietnam veterans today continue to be leaders in all walks of life and serve to make America a better place to live; and
- WHEREAS,** Vietnam veterans can be proud of their legacy of devotion to the cause of freedom and service to America; and
- WHEREAS,** Iowans understand that freedom is not free and that all generations have been called to serve in harm's way; and
- WHEREAS,** we commend our state's Vietnam veterans and their family members for their service and sacrifice and devotion to duty during this trying time in America's history; and
- WHEREAS,** may the Iowa Vietnam veterans monument continue to be a reflection of hope and a lasting testimony to our resolve to always remember our veterans who gave their lives in service to their county:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim May 7, 2018, as

**VIETNAM VETERANS RECOGNITION DAY**



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HERETO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 31<sup>st</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND EIGHTEEN.

  
KIM REYNOLDS  
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

  
PAUL PATE  
SECRETARY OF STATE