



Office of the Governor
State of Missouri

Proclamation

WHEREAS, March 29, 1974, was declared Vietnam Veterans Day by Presidential order with the support of Congress; and

WHEREAS, this day is set aside to commemorate the service and sacrifices of Vietnam veterans and their families, and to recognize the many brave military men and women who were denied a proper welcome upon returning home more than 40 years ago; and

WHEREAS, thousands of patriotic Americans answered the call of duty and served our country during the Vietnam War with courage, honor, and valor; and

WHEREAS, more than 58,000 honorable and brave individuals made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam, with over 300,000 more wounded in combat; and

WHEREAS, more than 2,000 Americans are still missing, leaving families, friends, and fellow veterans to endure the uncertainty concerning their fate; and

WHEREAS, of the names listed on the National Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, there are 1,415 from the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, as American citizens we will forever remember the pain and suffering that lingers today for the men and women who fought with honor and distinction, in the name of freedom and democracy for all; and

WHEREAS, we recognize and thank our Vietnam veterans and veterans of all wars who have served our country, and forever give them the fullest respect and support of a grateful nation.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Eric R. Greitens, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim March 29, 2018 to be

VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

and urge all citizens to join in this special observance and take the opportunity to honor and thank our Vietnam veterans for all they have given in the service of our country.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 15th day of February, 2018.



Handwritten signature of Eric R. Greitens in black ink.

Eric R. Greitens
Governor

Attest:

Handwritten signature of Jay Ashcroft in black ink.

Secretary of State