

# STATE OF MONTANA

## GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the United States was engaged in the Republic of Vietnam from 1959- 1975 known as the Vietnam Era to stop the spread of Communism, and;

WHEREAS, 8,744,000 personnel were on active duty during the War (5 August 1964-29 March 1973); and;

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WHEREAS, over 58,156 U.S. hostile and non-hostile deaths were recorded, and;

WHEREAS, 303,704 were Wounded In Action, and;

WHEREAS, total of 3,104 personnel were Prisoners of War and/or Missing In Action (POW-MIA), and;

WHEREAS, 7,484 U.S. Military Women served in the Republic of Vietnam of whom 6,250 or 83.5% were Nurses, and;

WHEREAS, over 36,000 Montana men and women served during the Vietnam Conflict, and;

WHEREAS, over 200 Montana Native Americans served during this period, and;

WHEREAS, 268 Montana men paid the ultimate sacrifice by being killed in action or died from non-hostile action during this period, to include 6 Native American warriors and;

WHEREAS, Twenty-Two (22) Montanans were recognized as Prisoners of War (POW) and/or Missing In Action (MIA), and;

WHEREAS, Five (5) of our POW/MIA's have been returned to home ground, and;

WHEREAS, there are 32,335 Vietnam men and women veterans who call Montana home today;

### BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED,

I, Steve Bullock, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim March 29, 2019, as Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day to thank all Vietnam Veterans for their service and sacrifice and their continued service as citizens of Montana.

### IN WITNESS THEREOF,

I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the Great State of Montana on 29<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2019



STEVE BULLOCK, Governor

ATTEST:

COREY STAPLETON, Secretary of State