



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

**Vietnam War Veterans Day**

**WHEREAS**, our nation endures because of the valor of a generation of heroes who served during the Vietnam War and defended our common ideals – love of country, liberty, equality and opportunity for all; and

**WHEREAS**, this nation owes a debt of gratitude to the more than 21,000 Rhode Islanders who served during the Vietnam War; and

**WHEREAS**, these brave men and women left families, friends, schools and jobs to fulfill their duty to our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, over 58,000 Americans made the ultimate sacrifice and now have their names etched in black granite in a memorial of honor, including 209 Rhode Islanders; and

**WHEREAS**, there are over 1,600 patriots still missing, and we will not rest until all our heroes are brought home; and

**WHEREAS**, we pledge to remain unwavering in our support, care and deep appreciation for our Vietnam War Veterans and their families who still carry the scars of war, both seen and unseen; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2017, the General Assembly passed R.I. Gen. Laws § 25-2-20, which sets aside the twenty-ninth day of March to be known as “Vietnam Veterans Day”; and

**WHEREAS**, proper tributes to the heroes who so nobly served our nation during the Vietnam War remind us of the best of America and its common ideals;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gina M. Raimondo**, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim March 29, 2019 as, *Vietnam Veterans Day*, a day to commemorate, honor and welcome home Rhode Island’s Vietnam Veterans and to call upon the people of this state to join in support of Vietnam Veterans Day by displaying the flag of the United States and demonstrating our patriotic spirit and love for these warriors.



Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this 6 day of March, 2019

**Gina M. Raimondo**  
Governor

**Nellie M. Gorbea**  
Secretary of State