

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS DAY MARCH 30, 2015

- WHEREAS,** *The Vietnam War was fought in Vietnam from 1961 to 1975, and involved North Vietnam and the Viet Cong in conflict with United States Armed Forces, allies of the United States, and South Vietnam; and*
- WHEREAS,** *In 1965, more than 129,000 members of the United States Armed Forces were serving in Vietnam, reaching a peak of approximately 543,000 by 1969. On January 27, 1973, an agreement was reached to end the war and, on March 30, 1973, the United States Armed Forces completed its withdrawal of combat troops; and*
- WHEREAS;** *More than 58,000 members of the United States Armed Forces, including 1,014 from the State of Maryland, lost their lives in Vietnam and more than 300,000 members were wounded; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Members of the United States Armed Forces who served bravely and faithfully for the United States during the Vietnam War were caught on their return home in the crossfire of an extremely divisive public debate about the involvement of the United States in the Vietnam War, which deprived many of those members of public support and appreciation of their patriotic service; and*
- WHEREAS,** *In 1982, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated in the District of Columbia to commemorate those members of the United States Armed Forces who died or were declared missing-in-action in the Vietnam War; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The designation of a "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" is an appropriate way for the State to thank and honor its members of the United States Armed Forces for their service and sacrifice during the Vietnam War.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim March 30, 2015 as WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS DAY in Maryland, and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 30th day of March
Two Thousand and fifteen

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

Byrd H. Lathrop
Lt. Governor

John C. Womack
Secretary of State