



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, fifty years ago our nation ended military involvement in the Republic of South Vietnam, thus ending military involvement in what was then the longest war in our country's history; and*

*WHEREAS, it is important to honor the men and women who survived and the 58,260 men and women who gave their lives; and*

*WHEREAS, since their return, these veterans have contributed tremendously to their communities, their states and the nation; and*

*WHEREAS, as citizens of the great state of Alabama must never forget 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, today, we have the opportunity to be recognized as the first state to partner with the federal government, as well as our local city and county governments, private organizations, and communities across the great state of Alabama in the commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vietnam War – a 13 year program to honor and give thanks to a generation of proud Americans who saw our country through one of the most challenging missions we have ever faced; and*

*WHEREAS, of the names listed on the Vietnam memorial wall there are 1,207 from the great state of Alabama; let us remember that it is never too late to pay tribute to the men and women of the great state of Alabama who answered the call of duty with courage and valor*

*WHEREAS, throughout this commemoration, let us strive to live up to their example by showing our Vietnam veterans, their families and all of the men and women who have served our country, the fullest respect and support of a grateful state and nation:*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert Bentley, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim November 13, 2012 through November 11, 2025 as the commemoration of the*

# *50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vietnam War*

*in the state of Alabama.*



*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 2012.*

*Robert Bentley*  
Robert Bentley, Governor