



**ISLAND OF GUAM
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
HAGÁTÑA, GUAM 96932
U.S.A.**

PROCLAMATION NO. 2018-27

PROCLAIMING MARCH 29, 2018
in Celebration, Recognition, and Honor of
VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

WHEREAS, on March 29, 1973, the last American troops were withdrawn from South Vietnam, ending one of the longest and most challenging wars in our country's history. Forty-three years later, we continue to pay tribute to the brave men and women who wore the uniform of our Armed Forces during the time, serving in the conflict with courage, honor and valor.

More than **two million** Americans answered the call of duty during the Vietnam War. Despite significant disruptions in their lives and other personal sacrifices, they answered the call of their country and served with great distinction. They left the warmth of their families to brave the line of fire, fighting day after day to preserve the liberties and freedoms we hold dear. Sadly, many of our heroes returned home without receiving the proper respect and gratitude they deserved for their courageous service. They received treatment unbefitting of their courage and welcomes unworthy of the sacrifices they made for the country they loved.

Today, we reaffirm our dedication to showing a generation of veterans the respect and support of a grateful island and nation. We pay tribute to those we have laid to rest; more than **58,000** individuals made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam. Among them were **77** Guam sons. We also remember the **2,086** Americans who never returned home and were never laid to rest. Today, we show all those who have worn the uniform of the United States Military the respect and dignity they deserve.

This administration recognizes, honors and thanks our veterans for their faithful service and courageous sacrifices during the Vietnam War. We also extend our heartfelt appreciation to our veterans' families, who shared the burden of their loved ones' service. Our Vietnam veterans have earned our everlasting gratitude, and we commend them for their bravery and heroism.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDDIE BAZA CALVO, *I Maga'Låhen Guåhan*, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do hereby proclaim **March 29, 2018** as **Vietnam Veterans Day**. On behalf of our entire administration and the people of Guam, Ray and I express our heartfelt gratitude to our brothers who made the ultimate sacrifice over 40 years ago. Today, our thoughts and prayers are with the families who are in mourning over the tragic loss of their loved ones.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby set my hand and cause the Great Seal of Guam to be affixed in the Capital City of *Hagåtña* on this **Twenty-ninth** day of **March**, in the year of our Lord, *Anno Domini*, **Two Thousand Eighteen**.

COUNTERSIGNED:

A blue ink signature of Ray Tenorio, consisting of a stylized, cursive name.

RAY TENORIO
I Segundo na Maga'låhen Guåhan
Lt. Governor of Guam

A blue ink signature of Eddie Baza Calvo, featuring a bold, stylized name with a long horizontal stroke.

EDDIE BAZA CALVO
I Maga' Låhen Guåhan
Governor of Guam

