



Proclamation

In Recognition of

Vietnam War Veterans Day

WHEREAS, Vietnam War Veterans Day commemorates the sacrifices made by our nation's Vietnam veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, it is a day that is part of a national effort to recognize the men and women who were denied a proper welcome upon returning home more than 50 years ago; and

WHEREAS, on March 29th, 1973 the last combat troops were withdrawn from Vietnam and the last prisoners of war held in North Vietnam arrived on American soil; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States signed into law the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017, designating March 29th of each year National Vietnam War Veterans Day; and

WHEREAS, this day is to honor those who answered our nation's call of service—more than 58,000 names are memorialized on our nation's capitol grounds, 313 names are etched on the Vietnam War Memorial on the Hawai'i State Capitol grounds, and 1,253 heroes have yet to be returned to American soil; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawai'i also recognizes the efforts of the 50th Commemoration of the Anniversary of the Vietnam War State Planning Committee chaired by COL Gene Castagnetti (USMC, Ret) who, with volunteers, many of whom were Vietnam-war veterans, met for over three years to plan a successful event; and

WHEREAS, our nation owes a great debt to those men, women, and family members who have sacrificed much for our nation's freedom;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 29, 2018 as

“Vietnam War Veterans Day”

in Hawai'i, and ask the people of the Aloha State to recognize those who honorably served our nation in the Vietnam War and recommit ourselves to supporting our troops in battle and upon their return home.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-ninth day of March 2018.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

DOUGLAS S. CHIN
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i