

Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of Ohio citizens answered the call to serve our nation during the Vietnam War. Of those Ohioans who served in Vietnam, approximately 3,000 lost their lives and 20,000 were wounded; and

WHEREAS, upon the conclusion of their service, Vietnam veterans returned home to a country deeply divided over the war. Their service was not met with gratitude and pride, but with protests and disrespect; and

WHEREAS, despite these challenges, the brave men and women of the armed forces returned from service as experienced and knowledgeable veterans who gave back to their communities; and

WHEREAS, it is our duty to honor the men and women who served in Vietnam who risked their lives and sacrificed years away from their families; and

WHEREAS, we must also remember and pay tribute to the approximately 58,000 Americans who lost their lives in service to our nation, and the hundreds who are still missing in action; and

WHEREAS, nothing that we say or do can repay our Vietnam veterans for the wounds they endured, or the pain and sacrifice they continue to live with today because of their service; and

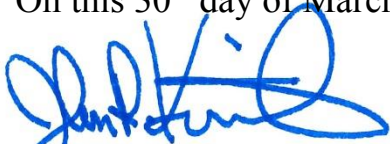
WHEREAS, we owe each of these men and women a debt of gratitude, as well as their families who endured sacrifice, separation and anguish.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, John R. Kasich and Mary Taylor, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize March 30, 2017 as

VIETNAM VETERANS' DAY

throughout Ohio and encourage all Ohioans to join us in thanking all Vietnam veterans for the service they so selflessly gave.

On this 30th day of March 2017;


John R. Kasich
Governor


Mary Taylor
Lieutenant Governor

