



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, legislation was passed in 2008 to declare, on this day in March, Tennessee will honor the 3,403,000 United States military members deployed to support one of the longest conflicts in which our country has ever been involved; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize the Veterans of our Armed Forces who served our country in Vietnam as well as the sacrifices they made; and

**WHEREAS**, our Nation has learned much since its birth, no lesson as fundamental as the one learned after the Vietnam War, to support and respect our Veterans and Armed Forces members; and

**WHEREAS**, we shift our thoughts and prayers to the memories and to the families of over 58,000 who never made it home, and pay tribute to the 1,295 Tennesseans who we lost in Vietnam; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a profound sense of humanity in war that can be ignored in the safety of our day to day life; may we use this day to recall what was given by the men and women who fought in Vietnam and acknowledge how their sacrifices have impacted, and will continue to impact lives across America; and

**WHEREAS**, we see Vietnam Veterans in our daily lives, as parents, grandparents, in rural communities and in the hearts of our cities, today let us seek them out to express our deepest gratitude for what they surrendered for our freedom and that of South Vietnam;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim, March 29, 2017 as

*Vietnam Veterans Day*

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this thirteenth day of February, 2017.

*Bill Haslam*

Governor

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Secretary of State