



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, we remember the Vietnam War as one of the longest and most divisive conflicts in our Nation's history; and

**WHEREAS**, 103 months passed between the United States Congress' passage of the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution and the withdrawal of the last American combat forces from Vietnam; and

**WHEREAS**, during those months, 3,403,000 United States military members deployed to Vietnam; and

**WHEREAS**, today there are over 100,000 Vietnam Era Veterans living in Tennessee, and almost 1,300 Tennesseans made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country during the War in Vietnam; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee passed legislation in 2008 to designate March 29<sup>th</sup> as Vietnam Veterans Day, we recognize and honor those who served in Vietnam 45 years after the War's conclusion; and

**WHEREAS**, to all those who served in Vietnam we say: You are heroes, we are grateful and proud- Welcome Home;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim March 29, 2018 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 twenty-sixth day of February, 2018.

*Bill Haslam*

Governor

*Joe Vignetti*

Secretary of State