



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 enacted legislation in 2008 to designate March 29th as Vietnam Veterans Day so that we may recognize and honor those who served in Vietnam; 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 Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim March 29, 2020 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, 2020.

Handwritten signature of Bill Lee in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Sue Hargrett in blue ink.

Secretary of State

