



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, this year marks the 48th anniversary of the end of American involvement in the Vietnam War; and

**WHEREAS**, over 58,000 of the more than 3 million men and women who served in the Vietnam War made the ultimate sacrifice, 1,295 of whom were Tennesseans; and

**WHEREAS**, many who served in the Vietnam War are still missing. Their family members, friends, and fellow veterans continue to experience this uncertainty; and

**WHEREAS**, as Americans and Tennesseans, we will always honor the legacy of those who served our country, were wounded, or lost their lives in battle and we can never repay our debt of gratitude for the courage they demonstrated; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2008 the State of Tennessee enacted legislation to designate March 29th as Vietnam Veterans Day to honor those who served our Country during this 20 year-long conflict; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee is proud to be called home by more than 160,000 Vietnam era veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, Vietnam War Veterans Day is an opportunity to honor all Vietnam veterans and their families recognizing the valuable contributions they continue to make through leadership and wisdom;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim March 29, 2023 as

*Vietnam War 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 second day of February 2023.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Scotty McGinnis*

Secretary of State

