



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, in 2008, Tennessee became the first state in our nation to pass legislation to observe Vietnam Veterans Day; and

**WHEREAS**, every year on March 29 we honor and recognize the Veterans who served during the Vietnam War; and

**WHEREAS**, this year while we commemorate the fortieth anniversary of the withdrawal of combat troops from Vietnam on March 30, 1973, we respectfully reflect and remember those warriors who gave their lives and those warriors who returned, having sacrificed so much while overcoming tremendous challenges in order to preserve the freedoms we all enjoy today; and

**WHEREAS**, we remain truly grateful, and are humbled by the many inspirational accounts of the unselfish and heroic service of our Vietnam Veterans who relinquished their freedoms so we might enjoy the blessings of peace and liberty; and

**WHEREAS**, we will forever "Welcome Home" our brave heroes, and express the enormous appreciation our Vietnam Veterans deserve but did not receive upon returning home from battle against a brutal and harsh enemy;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim March 29, 2013, 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 sixth day of February, 2013.

*Bill Haslam*

Governor

*Joe Vargo*

Secretary of State