



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the Vietnam War was fought in Vietnam from 1964 to 1975 and involved North Vietnam Army Regulars and Viet Cong in conflict and battle with the United States and the South Vietnam government; and

WHEREAS, approximately 3,403,000 United States military troops deployed to Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 1973, the U.S. Armed Forces completed the withdrawal of combat troops from Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, more than 58,000 members of the United States Armed Forces lost their lives in Vietnam and more than 153,000 were wounded in battle and theatre; and

WHEREAS, upon their return home, many members of the United States Armed Forces who bravely served their country were not given the "Welcome Home" they so richly deserved; and

WHEREAS, in March 2008, Tennessee passed legislation proclaiming March 29th of each year shall be observed as Vietnam Veterans Day to honor and recognize the Veterans who served during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee was the first state in our nation to enact such legislation to honor the Veterans of the Vietnam War;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim March 29, 2012 as

VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

In Tennessee and encourage all citizens of our great state to join me in showing our sincere respect and appreciation, and resolve to never again disregard the recognition for these men and women who bravely fought to defend our nation against a brutal and harsh enemy.

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 1st day of March, 2012.

Governor

Secretary of State