

WHEREAS.

We remember the thousands of brave Americans, both men and women, who served honorably with courage and valor, in the United States Armed Forces during what was until that time this nation's longest war, fighting in Southeast Asia, facing extraordinary dangers; and

WHEREAS.

45 years ago, the last combat troops were withdrawn from Vietnam on March 29, 1973; and

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The last of the Vietnam POWs held in North Vietnam arrived home on United States of America soil on March 29, 1973;

and

WHEREAS.

Vietnam Veterans Day was commemorated by Presidential Proclamation and Public Law 93-232 on March 29, 1974, and by Presidential Proclamation and Congress Resolution on

March 29, 2012; and

WHEREAS.

58,220 made the ultimate sacrifice, 396 of which were Nebraskans, and more than 300,000 were wounded; and

WHEREAS.

1,618 Americans are still missing and unaccounted for and their families, friends, and fellow veterans still endure uncertainty concerning their fate.

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the 29th day of March, 2018 as

VIETNAM WAR VETERANS' DAY

in Nebraska, and I do hereby urge all citizens to take due note of the observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this Twenty-ninth Day of March, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Eighteen.

Attest:

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