



## PROCLAMATION

### VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY

First Anniversary of the Vietnam War Veterans Recognitions Act of 2017

**March 29, 2018**

**WHEREAS**, Vietnam veterans who, in service to our Nation and in defense of liberty, fought gallantly against the spread of communism and defended the freedom of the Vietnamese people.

**WHEREAS**, fifty-one years ago, in 1967, nearly 500,000 American troops served in South Vietnam, along with approximately 850,000 troops of our allies.

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth recognizes this opportunity to recall, with humility, the sacrifices our veterans made for our freedom and our Nation's strength.

**WHEREAS**, we embrace our responsibility to help our Vietnam veterans and their families heal from the heavy toll of war. We remember the more than 58,000 whose names are memorialized on a black granite wall in our Nation's capital for having borne the heaviest cost of war and also pay tribute to the brave patriots who suffered as prisoners of war, and we stand steadfast in our commitment not to rest until we account for the 1,253 heroes who have not yet returned to American soil.

**WHEREAS**, we will honor all those who answered our Nation's call to duty and with strong conviction, our Nation pledges our enduring respect, our continuing care, and our everlasting commitment to all Vietnam veterans.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RALPH DLG. TORRES, and I, VICTOR B. HOCOG**, by virtue of the authority vested in us by the Constitution and Laws of the Commonwealth as Governor and Lt. Governor, hereby proclaim **March 29, 2018** as

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We call upon the entire community to honor the remarkable leadership and dedication of countless Vietnam veterans and their families. We thank and honor our veterans in the Commonwealth and throughout our country. We commit to continue efforts to recognize all veterans of the Vietnam War for their service and sacrifice, and to provide them with the heartfelt acknowledgement and gratitude that they and their families so richly deserve.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, we have hereunto set our hands on this  
**28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.**

**RALPH DLG. TORRES**  
Governor

**VICTOR B. HOCOG**  
Lt. Governor