Proclamation by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, members of the Armed Forces of the United States stationed in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War served our Nation under the most trying conditions, at a time when the Nation was divided in its support; and

Whereas, more than 300,000 service members were wounded in Vietnam; approximately 75,000 service members were severely disabled; and more than 1,183 service members, of the 58,000 service members killed, were from the state of West Virginia; and

Whereas, on March 29, 1973, the United States Armed Forces completed the withdraw of combat troops from Vietnam; and

Whereas, since their return, these veterans have contributed tremendously to their communities, states and Nation, in an effort to advance the American ideals and goals for which they fought; and

Whereas, the citizens of West Virginia must never forget the pain and suffering that lingers today for the men and women who fought with honor and distinction, in the name of freedom and democracy for all.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *March 29, 2019* as:

Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to pay tribute to Vietnam veterans and their families.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Thirteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Nineteen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Sixth year of the State.



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Governor

By the Governor:

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Secretary of State