

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



Governor's Office

PROCLAMATION

VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY
March 29, 2023

WHEREAS, as we honor all the men and women who served in our nation's armed forces throughout history, Pennsylvania is proud to join in the national commemoration of Vietnam War Veterans Day; and

WHEREAS, this conflict defined an entire generation of Americans and numerous brave men and women served during the conflict, including 325,208 Pennsylvanians, of whom 3,147 Pennsylvanians were Killed in Action and eighty-nine are still unaccounted for; and

WHEREAS, as citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania we 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; and

WHEREAS, we remember the men and women who so honorably served during more than a decade of fighting in challenging terrains of Southeast Asia, where they faced extraordinary and unprecedented dangers; we will never forget their sacrifice and we value their continued service to their fellow veterans today, as they embody the motto of the Vietnam Veterans of America: "Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another;" and


WHEREAS, since their return, these Veterans have contributed tremendously to their communities, the Commonwealth, and the nation. They have displayed unparalleled support for those currently serving by providing welcoming celebrations for those returning and honors to those who have fallen; and

WHEREAS, through this commemoration the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, and the Office of Veterans Affairs join with all citizens of this great state and nation to honor and remember our Vietnam Veterans and their families for their courage, sacrifice, and valor.

THEREFORE, I, Josh Shapiro, Governor of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim March 29, 2023, as VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY. I encourage all citizens to participate in activities that bestow honor and commendation on American heroes past and present.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this twenty-eighth day of February two thousand twenty-three, the year of the Commonwealth the two hundred forty-seventh.


JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor