

Proclamation

by

Matthew G. Bevin
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

- WHEREAS, The Vietnam War was the longest war in United States history at the time, resulting in the loss of more than 58,000 men and women, whose names are forever inscribed in black granite at the National Vietnam Veterans Memorial; and
- WHEREAS, Of those 58,000, 1,103 were Kentuckians whose names are inscribed at the Kentucky Vietnam Veterans Memorial, where the shadow of the gnomon falls on each name on the anniversary date of death; and
- WHEREAS, There are over 125,000 Kentucky Vietnam veterans in the Commonwealth, and they have contributed greatly to the fields of business, art, medicine, science, technology and government service; and
- WHEREAS, Kentucky's Vietnam veterans and their families sacrificed much, asked for little, and are deserving of our utmost respect and dedicated support; and
- WHEREAS, Sacrifices by our Vietnam veterans have improved all aspects of service for our modern warriors, proving that our Vietnam veterans remain relevant mentors, leaders and heroes; and
- WHEREAS, The establishment of Veterans Day is an appropriate way to express appreciation and honor the members of the United States Armed Forces, as well as the members of service organizations who bravely served the country and their fellow citizens during the Vietnam War; and
- WHEREAS, Kentucky is a Commemorative Partner in the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration Commemorative Partner Program;


NOW, THEREFORE, I, MATTHEW G. BEVIN, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim March 29th, 2017, as


VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

in Kentucky.



DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this 21st day of March, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Seventeen and in the 225th year of the Commonwealth.


MATTHEW G. BEVIN
GOVERNOR


ALISON LUNDERGAN GRIMES
SECRETARY OF STATE