State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump signed into law the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017; and

WHEREAS, this law officially designates March 29th as the day on which Americans will observe Vietnam War Veterans Day each year; and

WHEREAS, Vietnam War Veterans Day provides every American the opportunity to recognize, with great pride and admiration, the service, sacrifice and bravery of the men and women of the United States Armed Forces who fought in this Southeast Asian conflict to protect our great nation and preserve democracy; and

WHEREAS, Vietnam War Veterans Day provides each American the opportunity to proudly display the American Flag - the greatest symbol of freedom the world has ever known - to honor the over three million veterans who served in combat and support operations for eleven years; and

WHEREAS, Vietnam War Veterans Day provides each American the opportunity to pray for the over fifty eight thousand U.S. troops killed or missing in action and the hundreds of thousands wounded and injured; and

WHEREAS, Vietnam War Veterans Day also provides South Carolinians the opportunity to honor and pray for the nine hundred six Palmetto State warriors who gave their lives and the thousands wounded and injured; and

WHEREAS, Vietnam War Veterans Day gives every American the opportunity to say: "Thank you and welcome home" to veterans who returned home perhaps not to a hero's welcome, but to a divided nation, and were often met with hostility or indifference.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 29, 2020, as

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throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor, recognize and thank those who answered the call to serve.

HENRY MCMASTER
GOVERNOR
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