

The State of New Hampshire
By Her Excellency
Margaret Wood Hassan, Governor

A Proclamation

WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS DAY
MARCH 30, 2014

WHEREAS, In 2007, the United States Congress, by separate Senate and House resolutions, declared that a **Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day** should be established; and

WHEREAS, The Vietnam War was fought in Vietnam from 1961 to 1975, and involved North Vietnam and Viet Cong in conflict with the United States and South Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, In 1965 there were 80,000 United States troops in Vietnam, and by 1969 a peak of approximately 543,000 troops was reached; and

WHEREAS, On March 30, 1973, the United States armed forces completed the withdrawal of combat troops from Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, More than 58,000 members of the United States armed forces lost their lives in Vietnam and more than 300,000 were wounded; and

WHEREAS, Upon their return home, members of the United States Armed Forces who served bravely and faithfully for the United States during the Vietnam War were caught in the crossfire of public debate about the involvement of the United States in the war; and

WHEREAS, Vietnam veterans served honorably, risking their lives in answer to the nation's call; and

WHEREAS, In peacetime, Vietnam veterans have continued to make enormous contributions to our communities, state, and nation; and

WHEREAS, The establishment of a **Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day** is an appropriate way to honor those members of the United States armed forces who served in Vietnam during the Vietnam War;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARGARET WOOD HASSAN, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **MARCH 30, 2014**, as **WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS DAY** in New Hampshire and urge residents to acknowledge and commemorate the military service of American men and women in Vietnam.

Given this 26th day of March, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and fourteen, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and thirty-eight.

Margaret Wood Hassan
Governor