

Proclamation

by

Matthew G. Bevin
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

WHEREAS, The commitment of this Nation to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War was initiated by President George W. Bush on Memorial Day, 2012, and will continue through Veterans Day, 2025; and

WHEREAS, On March 28, 2017, President Trump signed the Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day Act in order to set aside every March 29th as a day to commemorate the sacrifices of Vietnam veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, March 29th is a significant day in the history of the Vietnam conflict when the last combat troops were withdrawn from Vietnam and the last prisoners of war held in North Vietnam arrived on American soil; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Veterans Affairs estimates that today there are seven million living Vietnam veterans with approximately 105,760 Vietnam Veterans living in Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, Vietnam Veterans Day is part of a national effort to recognize the men and women who were denied a proper welcome upon returning home nearly 50 years ago;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MATTHEW G. BEVIN, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim March 29, 2018, as

VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

in Kentucky, and encourage all Kentuckians to use this day to demonstrate their appreciation to these Veterans for their dedicated service.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the 7th day of March, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eighteen and in the 226th year of the Commonwealth.

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MATTHEW G. BEVIN
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alison Lundergan Grimes".

ALISON LUNDERGAN GRIMES
SECRETARY OF STATE

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