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## **GOVERNOR NOEM PROCLAIMS WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS DAY**

**PIERRE, S.D.** – Governor Kristi Noem, in coordination with the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs, is proclaiming Friday, March 29, 2024, as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day."

The Governor and the Department are calling on all South Dakotans to recognize the courage, service, and sacrifice of the men and women who served during the Vietnam War.

More than 27,000 South Dakotans were called upon to stand up and fight. Of those, 210 South Dakotans made the ultimate sacrifice. Through the establishment of an annual Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day, South Dakotans can express their appreciation and honor the men and women who served during the Vietnam War by thanking them for their selflessness, devotion, and bravery.

"This day is a well-deserved recognition for our soldiers who selflessly served during the Vietnam War," said Greg Whitlock, Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs. "We honor their courage and commitment to our country, and we thank them for their unwavering dedication to defending our freedom."

"Let us recognize the immense sacrifices made by our service members, their families, and the entire nation during the Vietnam War," said Whitlock."