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GOVERNOR RHODEN PROCLAIMS WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

PIERRE, S.D. – Governor Larry Rhoden, in coordination with the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs, is proclaiming Saturday, March 29, 2025, 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. By giving so much, they remind us that democracy is worth defending.

More than 27,000 South Dakotans were called upon to stand up and fight. Of those, 192 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.

“We are honored to recognize and express our deepest gratitude to the courageous men and women who served in the Vietnam War,” said Jeremiah Schneider, Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs. “Their sacrifice, bravery, and unwavering commitment to our nation often went unacknowledged for far too long. Let us thank them for their service and honor their legacy. Their strength and resilience have paved the way for future generations, and we are forever grateful for their sacrifices in the name of freedom and duty.”