

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

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Whereas, More than 27,000 South Dakotans served valiantly under difficult circumstances during the Vietnam War and 210 made the ultimate sacrifice; and,

Whereas, The Vietnam War is a story of service members of different backgrounds, colors, and creeds who came together to complete a daunting mission. It is a story of Americans from every corner of our Nation who left the warmth of family to serve the country they loved. It is a story of patriots who braved the line of fire, who cast themselves into harm's way to save a friend, who fought hour after hour, day after day to preserve the liberties we hold dear; and,

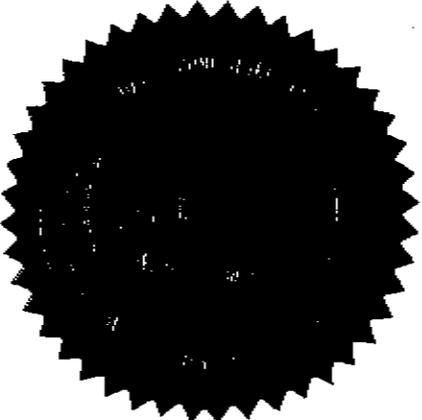
Whereas, By South Dakota statute, March 30 has been designated as Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day, a day to pay tribute to the fallen, the missing, the wounded, the millions who served, and the millions more who awaited their return:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 30, 2014, as

WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS RECOGNITION DAY

in South Dakota, a day dedicated to all Vietnam Veterans in South Dakota and invite all citizens both in public ceremonies and in private thoughts and prayers to gratefully acknowledge our Vietnam Veterans and honor their proud legacy.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fourth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fourteen.


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Attest:
Patricia K Miller Deputy
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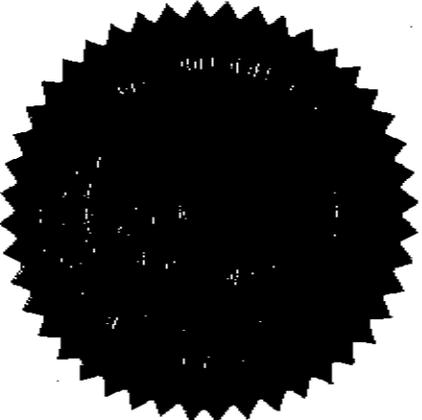
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