



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SALUTING GEORGIA'S VIETNAM VETERANS

- WHEREAS:** Due to the turbulent cultural climate of the era and unpopularity of this eleven-year conflict, many of the veterans returning from Vietnam did not receive the respect and gratitude that they deserved for serving in our Nation's Armed Forces; and
- WHEREAS:** The nearly 210,000 Vietnam Veterans living in Georgia today are part of a generation who put their personal lives on hold and answered our Nation's call to duty; and
- WHEREAS:** On State Capitol grounds and across America, memorials and monuments stand in eternal tribute to the United States service members who made the ultimate sacrifice, were held as prisoners of war, and are still unaccounted for or missing in action as a result of the Vietnam War; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia's Vietnam Veterans are to be highly commended for their courage, bravery, devotion to duty, and sacrifice in the fight for peace and democracy; and
- WHEREAS:** As Georgia has been an active partner of the Defense Department's Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemoration Program since 2013, it is imperative that we stay committed to remembering and appreciating these Georgians with grateful hearts for their contributions and sacrifices while wearing the uniform of the United States Armed Forces during the Vietnam War with special recognition; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim that all Georgians should recognize the meritorious service exhibited by our state's brave Vietnam Veterans and encourage all government agencies and organizations in the Peach State to assist in holding appropriate presentation and recognition ceremonies.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 28th day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



B. Kemp
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Trinity K. Fleming
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