

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, March 29, 1973 marked the end of U.S. involvement in the Vietnam conflict, after more than a decade of combat; and

WHEREAS, more than 3 million men and women served in Vietnam and more than 58,000 laid down their lives in service to our Nation; and

WHEREAS, 1,123 Washingtonians are among those who did not return from Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, approximately 200,000 Vietnam Veterans reside in the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, those who served, those who gave their lives, those who were disabled, and those who are still missing in Southeast Asia, deserve the profound gratitude of their countrymen; and

WHEREAS, today we honor the more than 3 million Americans who served, we pay tribute to those we have laid to rest, and we reaffirm our dedication to showing a generation of veterans the respect and support of a grateful Nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the State of Washington, do hereby proclaim March 29, 2016 as

Vietnam Veterans Day

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to participate in the events of this day as one means of honoring those men and women who served their country faithfully and courageously during the Vietnam conflict.



Signed this 2nd day of March, 2016

Governor Jay Inslee