The State of Washington

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Vietnam War was fought in Vietnam from 1961 to 1975, involving North Vietnam and the Viet Cong in conflict with the United States Armed Forces and South Vietnam, and on March 30, 1973, the United States Armed Forces completed the withdrawal of combat troops from Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, 1,124 members of the United States Armed Forces from Washington state gave their lives or were declared missing in action during the Vietnam War and many others were injured in the course of their service; and

WHEREAS, more than 142,000 Vietnam-era veterans continue to live in Washington state, and the people of Washington are committed to recognizing and supporting these veterans who answered the call of duty with unwavering dedication and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, the people of Washington state realize that one of our most fundamental obligations is to show respect and dignity to all who have worn the uniform of the United States and to honor their sacrifice by serving them as well as they have served us; and

WHEREAS, Washington state, through legislation passed in 2013, officially designated March 30th of each year as Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day and continues to recognize the contributions of Vietnam veterans honoring their service and sacrifices;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Ferguson, governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim March 30, 2026, as

Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this important observance and to reflect on the courage and resilience of our Vietnam veterans.

Signed this 11th day of March, 2026

Governor Bob Ferguson