

State of Iowa
Executive Department
IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

PROCLAMATION

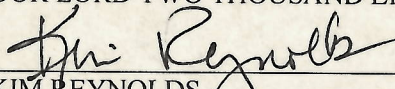
- WHEREAS,** from 1961 to 1975, the men and women of America's armed forces fought on behalf of the South Vietnamese people; and
- WHEREAS,** almost 3.5 million American servicemen and women served in the Southeast Asia theater of war and more than 2.9 million served in Vietnam itself; and
- WHEREAS,** during that long conflict, more than 58,000 Americans-including 867 Iowans-gave their lives for freedom's sake and their names are etched in black granite. Another 300,000 were wounded, and many suffered unspeakably as prisoners of war; and
- WHEREAS,** our nation is resolute in bringing home the more than 1,600 service members still missing; and
- WHEREAS,** Vietnam veterans today continue to be leaders in all walks of life and serve to make America a better place to live; and
- WHEREAS,** Vietnam veterans can be proud of their legacy of devotion to the cause of freedom and service to America; and
- WHEREAS,** Iowans understand that freedom is not free and that all generations have been called to serve in harm's way; and
- WHEREAS,** we commend our state's Vietnam veterans and their family members for their service and sacrifice and devotion to duty during this trying time in America's history; and
- WHEREAS,** may the Iowa Vietnam veterans monument continue to be a reflection of hope and a lasting testimony to our resolve to always remember our veterans who gave their lives in service to their county:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim May 7, 2018, as

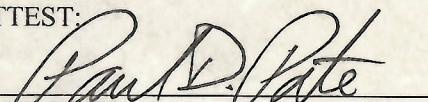
VIETNAM VETERANS RECOGNITION DAY



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HERE-
UNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED
THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA
TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS
31st DAY OF FEBRUARY IN THE YEAR OF
OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND EIGHTEEN.


KIM REYNOLDS
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:


PAUL PATE
SECRETARY OF STATE