

STATE OF ILLINOIS



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Illinois General Assembly has designated the 29th day of March of each year as a commemorative holiday to be known as Viet Nam War Veterans Day and to be observed throughout the state as a day in honor and remembrance of the men and women of this nation who served so valiantly in the cause of freedom; and

WHEREAS, the Viet Nam War was the most devastating and costly war in our nation's history. It was a time of conflict for all Americans and left its scar on our citizens today; and

WHEREAS, we are at peace now, but we must not forget the sacrifices made by those who served our country during those trying years. Viet Nam War veterans came back to a country which met them with indifference, when they should have been cheered for their bravery in serving the United States;

THEREFORE, I, James R. Thompson, Governor of the State of Illinois, proclaim March 29, 1987, as VIET NAM VETERANS DAY in Illinois. This observance gives Americans an opportunity to express their thanks to the Viet Nam veterans who served their country during a long and controversial war. It is also a time to remember the veterans of all our past wars and to re-commit ourselves to the ideal peace we seek for the world.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Springfield, this TWENTY-THIRD day of MARCH, in the Year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and EIGHTY-SEVEN, and of the State of Illinois, the one hundred and SIXTY-NINTH

Jim Edgar

SECRETARY OF STATE

James R. Thompson

GOVERNOR