



RON DeSANTIS
GOVERNOR

VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, throughout the history of the United States, patriotic men and women have donned the cloth of our nation and sworn an oath to defend our nation, establishing an honorable tradition of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, more than 3 million men and women served in the Vietnam War with more than 58,000 making the ultimate sacrifice; more than 304,000 wounded and over 1,570 still unaccounted for, including 54 from the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, 2024 is the 51st anniversary of Operation Homecoming, which repatriated 591 American Prisoners of War from North Vietnam following the Paris Peace Accords; and

WHEREAS, Florida is recognized as one of the most military- and veteran-friendly states in the nation, with 1.4 million veterans calling the Sunshine State home; and

WHEREAS, Florida is home to more than 462,000 Vietnam-era veterans, the third largest population of Vietnam veterans in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the patriotism of those in uniform who continue to serve is an inspiration for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, we will always honor the legacy of our Vietnam veterans who served, were wounded, or lost their lives in battle; and

WHEREAS, we can never repay our debt of gratitude for the courage they demonstrated; and

WHEREAS, this seventh annual Vietnam War Veterans Day is an opportunity to honor all Vietnam veterans and their families and recognize the enormous contributions they continue to make to our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing March 29, 2024, as *Vietnam War Veterans Day in Florida*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 29th day of March, in the year two thousand twenty-four.



Governor