

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, from the founding of our nation to the present day, patriotic men and women of the United States have taken up arms and sworn an oath to defend our country, establishing an honorable tradition of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, more than 3 million servicemembers served in the Vietnam War between 1964 and 1975, representing a generation who exemplified the very meaning of courage, bravery, honor, and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, on March 29, 1973, the last American troops were withdrawn from the battlefields of South Vietnam, thus ending one of the longest conflicts in our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, more than 4,000 members of the Kansas National Guard were mobilized for the Vietnam War, and 41 of those individuals made the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, since its unveiling, the Vietnam Memorial has paid eternal tribute to the more than 58,000 U.S. service members, including 627 from the State of Kansas, who made the ultimate sacrifice in combat or remain missing to this day; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the patriotism of and thank our Vietnam veterans and veterans of all wars who have bravely served our country and forever give them the fullest respect and support of a grateful nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim, March 22, 2023, as

Vietnam War Veterans Day

in the state of Kansas and I urge all citizens to join in associated events that honor Vietnam Veterans on this day.



DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka
under the Great Seal of
the State this 22nd day of
March, A.D. 2023

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Laura Kelly

Scott Schwab

Secretary of State

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Assistant Secretary of State