WHEREAS, the Vietnam War started on September 26, 1959, as a struggle between communist North Vietnam and its allies, and South Vietnam, supported by anti-communist nations, including the United States; and

WHEREAS, the United States' involvement began in 1965 and lasted 16 years until the capture of Saigon by the North Vietnamese on April 30, 1975; and

WHEREAS, more than 165,400 service members from Wisconsin bravely served the United States during the Vietnam War, and 1,239 people made the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Wisconsin honor the dedication and resiliency of the individuals who fearlessly served during the Vietnam era and the sacrifice their families made; and

WHEREAS, we recognize and honor their devotion to our country as well as a service that can never be diminished and to express gratitude to all who served the State of Wisconsin, by 2009 Wisconsin Act 36, has designated March 29 of each year as “Vietnam Veterans Day”;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim March 29, 2020, as

VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state’s residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 6th day of March 2020.

Tony Evers
GOVERNOR

By my direction:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State