

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

WHEREAS; the first American ground combat units arrived in Vietnam in March 1965, and the United States' involvement lasted until the capture of the city 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 Wisconsinites lost their lives serving our country; and

WHEREAS; it is important to acknowledge that thousands of Hmong-Lao people courageously fought alongside Americans throughout the Vietnam War—in what has become known as the “secret war”—and Wisconsin is home to a significant number of Hmong-Lao veterans who were forced to flee their native lands following the war's end; and

WHEREAS; in accordance with 2009 Wisconsin Act 36, March 29 of every year is set aside as a day to express pride and gratitude for veterans of the Vietnam War, to recall their accomplishments, and to thank them for their service and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in honoring the dedication, resilience, and selflessness of all individuals who fearlessly served our nation during the Vietnam War, as well as the sacrifices of their families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim March 29, 2021, 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 10th day of March 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State