

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; while the conflict has its roots as far back as the 1800s, the Vietnam War as it is known today began in the 1950s as a struggle between North Vietnam and its allies and South Vietnam, supported by its own ally 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 made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country; and

*WHEREAS*; it is essential to acknowledge that thousands of Hmong-Lao people courageously fought alongside Americans throughout the Vietnam War and that Wisconsin is home to a significant number of Hmong-Lao veterans who were forced to flee their home lands following the war's end; and

*WHEREAS*; in accordance with 2009 Wisconsin Act 36, March 29 of every year is designated as a day to express the state's deep gratitude for veterans of the Vietnam War 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 bravely served the nation during the Vietnam War, as well as the sacrifices of their families and loved ones;

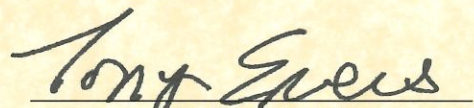
*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim March 29, 2023, as

## 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 24th day of February 2023.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State