WHEREAS; the Vietnam War started on September 26, 1959 as a struggle between communist North Vietnam and its allies, and South Vietnam, which was 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 gave their lives to our country’s cause; and

WHEREAS; we recognize and honor their devotion to our country and express gratitude to all who served, Wisconsin Act 36 designated March 29 of each year as “Vietnam Veterans Day”; and

WHEREAS; on March 29 each year we honor the dedication and resiliency of the men and women who fearlessly served during the Vietnam era and the sacrifices made by them and their families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim Friday, March 29, 2019 as

VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.

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 15th day of March.

Tony Evers
GOVERNOR

By the Governor

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State