

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** members, of the Armed Forces of the United States stationed in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam Conflict served our Nation under the most trying conditions, at a time when the Nation was divided in its support; and
- Whereas,** more than 300,000 service members were wounded in Vietnam; approximately 75,000 service members were severely disabled; and 733 of the Combat losses of the 58,000 Service members killed, were from the state of West Virginia; and
- Whereas,** on March 29, 1973, the United States Armed Forces began to withdraw all combat forces from Vietnam; and
- Whereas,** since their return, these veterans have contributed tremendously to their communities, states, and nation, in an effort to advance. The American ideals and goals for which they fought; and
- Whereas,** the citizens of West Virginia must never forget the pain and suffering that lingers today for the men and woman who fought with honor and distinction, and the name of freedom and democracy for all.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *March 30, 2023* as:

## *West Virginia Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day*

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.


**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**Done** at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Ninth day of March, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three, and in the One Hundred Sixtieth year of the State.



  
Jim Justice  
Governor

*By the Governor:*

  
Mac Warner  
Secretary of State