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.

By the Governor:

Jim Justice
Governor

Mac Warner
Secretary of State