STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: In recognition of the 51st anniversary of the start of the Vietnam War, Minnesotans honor and give thanks to a generation of Americans, who saw our country through a challenging period; and

WHEREAS: When called upon to serve their country during the Vietnam War, Minnesota service men and women put their lives on hold; and

WHEREAS: These individuals served bravely, with honor and distinction, and 1,077 heroically laid down their lives to preserve the freedoms that we Americans hold dear; and

WHEREAS: The citizens of Minnesota are proud of and indebted to the service, accomplishments, and sacrifices of Vietnam veterans; and

WHEREAS: It is never too late to pay tribute to and honor those who answered our nation's call in Vietnam. It is appropriate and just to recognize the achievements of our Minnesota Vietnam veterans and thank them for their sacrifices and service provided in the name of our country.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, March 29, 2014, as:

MINNESOTA VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

in the state of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the state of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 13th day of March.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE