WHEREAS, on March 29, 1973, the last American troops departed South Vietnam ending U.S. direct military involvement in the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, National Vietnam War Veterans Day recognizes those veterans who served in the United States military during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, having been denied a proper welcome home more than four decades ago, National Vietnam War Veterans Day commemorates the sacrifices of the men and women who served their country, as well as that of their families; and

WHEREAS, among the almost 9,000,000 veterans who served in the Armed Forces during the Vietnam War, 48,000 were from Maine; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine joins the nation in thanking and honoring Vietnam veterans through the annual recognition of March 29th as Vietnam War Remembrance Day; and

WHEREAS, we remember and honor those who selflessly served, who gave the ultimate sacrifice, who were wounded and live with those scars daily, and those who are still missing in Southeast Asia - we will never forget you;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim March 29th, 2020 as

National Vietnam War Veterans Day

in Maine, and I encourage all Maine citizens to recognize this observation.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this seventeenth day of March Two Thousand Twenty

Janet T. Mills
Governor

Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State
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