WHEREAS, more than nine million Americans served in Vietnam from November 1, 1955, to May 15, 1975, and six million of those service members are still living; and

WHEREAS, 48,000 men and women from the State of Maine served, while an additional 16,000 Mainers were serving worldwide throughout the Vietnam War Era; and

WHEREAS, the names of 343 Mainers who laid down their lives are memorialized on the black granite of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. and 11 of our service members are still missing in Southeast Asia; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine joins the nation in recognizing Vietnam veterans by observing March 29th as the 5th annual Vietnam War Remembrance Day; and

WHEREAS, on this day, 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, 2022 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-Two

Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State

Janet T. Mills
Governor