

WHEREAS, 2019 marks the 50th Anniversary of the United States Military's involvement in the Vietnam War during the year 1969; and

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

WHEREAS, the names of 343 Mainers who laid down their lives are etched on the black granite of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. and 12 of our young men are still missing in Southeast Asia; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine joins the Nation in recognizing Vietnam Veterans by setting aside March 29th as 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; and

WHEREAS, we want to convey a hearty Welcome Home and Thank You to those who never heard it and declare that we are very proud of you and your service to your country and the State of Maine,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim March 29th, 2019 as

Vietnam War Remembrance Day

in Maine, and I encourage all Maine citizens to observe this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities that commemorate the men and women who served our country.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this twenty-sixth day of February Two Thousand Nineteen

> Janet T. Mills Governor

Matthew Dunlap Secretary of State TRUE ATTESTED COPY