



State of North Carolina

PAT McCRORY
GOVERNOR

40th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ENDING OF THE VIETNAM WAR

2015

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Vietnam War transcended several decades and Presidencies. The conflict would be extensive, enduring and controversial in nature. The experiences our brave men and women faced, both in battle as well as at home, would soon become a decisive moment in our Country's history, defining an entire generation of Americans; and

WHEREAS, over 3 million Americans served in the Southeast Asia Theater, 58,000 Americans lost their lives, and more than 304,000 were wounded defending our nation's freedom and honor; and

WHEREAS, the state of North Carolina sent nearly 216,000 men and women to serve in the Vietnam War, more than 4,200 were wounded in action and 1,624 North Carolinians paid the ultimate sacrifice during this difficult and painful period; and

WHEREAS, at 8:35 a.m., April 30, 1975, the last Americans and ten Marines departed the Saigon Embassy, concluding the United States presence in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, 40 years have passed since the official end of the war in Vietnam, our country still bears the scars and trials that our nation's Vietnam Veterans, their families and communities faced during the war; and

WHEREAS, our nation's sovereignty, freedoms and liberties are a direct reflection of the valor and heroism of those who bravely served in our country's armed forces; it is our responsibility to continue to honor the legacy of their service; and

WHEREAS, this day, the State of North Carolina marks the 40th Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War, officially thanking our Vietnam Veterans and their families for all they have given, drawing both inspiration and pride;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAT McCRORY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 30, 2015, in observance of the "**40th ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF THE VIETNAM WAR**", and commend its observance to all citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this thirtieth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-ninth.




PAT McCRORY
Governor