



## A Proclamation by the Governor

**WHEREAS**, on January 12, 1962, United States Army pilots lifted more than 1000 South Vietnamese service members over jungle and underbrush to capture a National Liberation Front stronghold near Saigon and Operation Chopper marked America's first combat mission against the Viet Cong, and the beginning of one of our longest and most challenging wars; and

**WHEREAS**, through more than a decade of conflict that tested the fabric of our Nation, the service of our men and women in uniform stood true. Fifty two years after that fateful mission, we honor the Nevadans who served, we pay tribute to those we have laid to rest, and we reaffirm our dedication to showing a generation of veterans the respect and support of a grateful Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Vietnam War is a story of service members of different backgrounds, heritage, and creeds who came together to complete a daunting mission. It is a story of Americans from every corner of our Nation who left the warmth of family to serve the country they loved. It is a story of patriots who braved the line of fire, who cast themselves into harm's way to save a friend, who fought hour after hour, day after day to preserve the liberties we hold dear. From Ia Drang to Hue, they won every major battle of the war and upheld the highest traditions of our Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, eleven years of combat left their imprint on a generation and many returned home bearing shrapnel and scars; still more are burdened by the invisible wounds of post-traumatic stress, of Agent Orange, of memories that never fade; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 29, 1973, the last of our troops left Vietnam; and

**WHEREAS**, 151 Nevadans laid down their lives in service to our Nation and now and forever their names are etched on a monument in Mills Park, Carson City, Nevada, placed there by Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 388, a lasting memorial to those who bore conflict's greatest cost; and

**WHEREAS**, Nevada veterans answered our country's call and served with honor; and

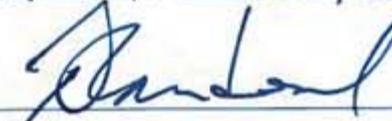
**WHEREAS**, today we reaffirm one of our most fundamental obligations: to show all Nevadans who have worn the uniform of the United States the respect and dignity they deserve, and to honor their sacrifice by serving them as well as they served us.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA**, do hereby proclaim March 29, 2014 as

### VIETNAM VETERANS DAY IN NEVADA



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014.

  
By the Governor: \_\_\_\_\_ Governor

  
Secretary of State

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy