

PROCLAMATION VIETNAM VETERANS DAY MARCH 29, 2009

WHEREAS, this year marks the 34th anniversary of the end of American involvement in the Vietnam conflict; and

WHEREAS, thousands of brave Americans served our country in this conflict with courage, honor and valor; and

WHEREAS, more than 58,000 individuals made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam and thousands more were wounded in combat; and

WHEREAS, many Americans are still missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam conflict, and their families, friends and fellow veterans still endure uncertainty concerning their fate; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota citizens are encouraged to honor and thank our Vietnam veterans for all they have given in service to this country, and to remember the 198 individuals from this great state whose names are listed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C., and those who are or were missing in action or prisoners of war.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim March 29, 2009, **VIETNAM VETERANS DAY** in the state of North Dakota.

John Hoeven Governor

ATTEST:

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