

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, our state and nation have been blessed by the courageous men and women who answer the call to protect and defend the core principles upon which our country was founded, both at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, from the first deployment of combat troops in 1965 to the fall of Saigon in 1975, more than three million members of our armed forces served in Vietnam, and over 58,000 lost their lives; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War, the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration was established to thank and honor the veterans, including those held as prisoners of war or listed as missing in action, and their families for their service and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, Vietnam War commemoration events held throughout our state and nation provide an opportunity to show our appreciation to the veterans who so bravely served in Southeast Asia.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 8, 2015, as the

KICK-OFF OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS HOMECOMING COMMEMORATION

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join together in honoring our Vietnam veterans with the long-overdue warm welcome home they so richly deserve.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nikki R. Haley".

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA