

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, throughout our nation's history, courageous men and women have answered the call to protect and defend the core principles upon which our country was founded; 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

WHEREAS, approximately 900 South Carolinians were among the more than 58,000 fatal casualties in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, Vietnam Veterans Survivors' and Remembrance Day provides an opportunity to honor the men and women whose selfless service to our country has helped keep our nation secure and advance the cause of freedom worldwide.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2, 2014, as

VIETNAM VETERANS SURVIVORS' AND REMEMBRANCE DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to take time to recognize and honor our Vietnam veterans and their families whose sacrifices have helped strengthen our nation and improve the quality of life of people around the world.



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

**NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**