

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, also known as The Wall, was dedicated in Washington, D.C. in November of 1982 to help bring healing to our nation and honor the more than 3 million veterans of the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, The Wall is engraved with the names of 58,272 heroes, including 896 South Carolinians, who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our country during the armed conflict in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, the United States Congress authorized the building of a new underground educational facility adjacent to The Wall; and

WHEREAS, The Education Center at The Wall will use state-of-the-art digital technology to share the faces and stories behind the names and contribute to a more complete understanding of the Vietnam War and its impact; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the vital role our veterans played in securing the freedoms we enjoy today, The Education Center at The Wall will help ensure that their stories are told and the core values of duty, loyalty, respect, service, honor, courage, and integrity are shared with future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2012, as

VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL AND EDUCATION CENTER DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the value of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Education Center and its commitment to honoring the men and women who have served and are currently serving in our Armed Forces.



Handwritten signature of Nikki R. Haley in black ink.

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA