NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION ===

VIETNAM VETERANS' DAY MARCH 29, 2023

WHEREAS, on March 29, 1973, the United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam was disestablished and the last United States combat troops departed Vietnam, and 2023 marks the 50th anniversary of the end of direct American military involvement in the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, thousands of brave American men and women served our country in the conflict with courage, honor and valor; and

WHEREAS, more than 3 million U.S. service members were deployed to Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War, more than 58,000 individuals made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam and thousands more were wounded in combat; and

WHEREAS, more than 15,000 North Dakotans left home to serve in the Vietnam War and 237 never returned; and

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

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to honor and thank our Vietnam Veterans for all they have given in service to our nation, to remember those who are or were missing in action or prisoners of war and to pay tribute to the heroes from this great state and nation whose names are listed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim March 29, 2023, VIETNAM VETERANS' DAY in the State of North Dakota.

Doug Burgum GOVERNOR

> Michael Howe SECRETARY OF STATE