



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

A PROCLAMATION

KOREAN VETERANS OF THE VIETNAM WAR DAY

- WHEREAS:** The United States' involvement in the conflict of Vietnam officially began in March 1965 with the deployment of 2,500 Marines and spanned several decades and presidencies; and
- WHEREAS:** By the end of the Vietnam War in April 1975, nearly 3 million Americans had been on the ground, in the air, on the rivers, and at sea within Vietnam's borders, serving in some capacity during the conflict; and
- WHEREAS:** At the request of the US, Korean soldiers were deployed to Vietnam to support American troops and the causes of freedom; and
- WHEREAS:** From 1964 until March 23, 1973 – when the last soldier left Saigon – approximately 325,517 Korean soldiers were stationed in Vietnam and comprised the second largest force after the US; and
- WHEREAS:** Korean soldiers fought alongside American troops for nearly a decade. As a result, around 5,099 Korean soldiers lost their lives and an additional 10,962 were injured; and
- WHEREAS:** An estimated 3,000 Korean Vietnam War veterans reside in the US. Ninety-five percent are now American citizens; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia is proud to be home to 350 Korean Vietnam War veterans, as their service to defend American ideals deserves our reverence and respect; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 23, 2023, as KOREAN VETERANS OF THE VIETNAM WAR DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 15th day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



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GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Martha Kipferich

CHIEF OF STAFF