

RESOLUTION

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Resolution No.

Declare March 29th as Vietnam Veteran's Day

Subject

Referred to Convention Resolutions Committee

Whereas, On March 29, 1973 the United States of America withdrew its last 2,500 troops of young men and women from the battlefields of Vietnam and since the end of that bitter conflict faraway in Southeast Asia, a generation of Americans have come of age to understand the significance of the war end, and

Whereas, The Vietnam War was a long wrenching experience for our Nation, for those who served as well as their families; the United States presence lasted more than fifteen years; from the arrival of the first soldiers in the late 1950's to the departure of the last service members with the fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975, as the North Vietnamese troops rolled into the capital of South Vietnam, and

Whereas, The statistics from the war tell a grim story; more than 3.4 million were deployed to Southeast Asia; 2.7 million in the designated war zone; over 58,000 were killed in the theater of operation; 153,000 were non-mortally wounded, and nearly 2,000 are still unaccounted for some four decades later, and

Whereas, Throughout the history our State and Nation, countless brave individuals have answered the call to patriotic duty, and Americans have and many of their sons and daughters risk their lives, while many others made the ultimate sacrifice, and of the names listed on the Vietnam Wall in our Nation's Capital who were from every State in our Nation, and

Whereas, With indomitable spirit and fortitude, these noble veterans endured particularly harsh conditions and illegal and inhuman treatment, and they are remembered for their selfless service and appropriately honored by our Nation for having fulfilled their duty with the highest degree of valor, and those who lost their lives are likewise commemorated as they gave of themselves in the name of freedom and the rights of all Americans, and

Whereas, Our citizens have the utmost respect for the soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen who fought in Vietnam and we pay tribute to them for their valiant efforts, reflective of the strength and character they demonstrate today, and welcome the opportunity to acknowledge and thank them for their defense of global freedom and democracy; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Kells-Grennie American Legion Post #316, and The Department of New York recognizes those men and women who proudly served with allegiance to the ideals that define our great Nation, the sacrifices of the Vietnam veterans that have been integral to preserving our cherished way of life, and that they continue to inspire us with their own lives, personal, professional and military accomplishments, and it is fitting that all the States in this great Nation extend our admiration and heartfelt gratitude for such meaningful contributions by these men and women that New York State and our Nation declare March 29th as Vietnam Veterans' Day now and forever.

FOR CONVENTION COMMITTEE USE

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Other Action _____

Signature _____
(Chairman)

Adjutant Signature

Kells-Grennie American Legion Post #316
Richmond County

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is submitted from another authorized source.

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