STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, thousands of Oklahomans served our nation and the cause of freedom in the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard during the Vietnam conflict; and

Whereas, the men and women of the armed forces rendered that service under difficult conditions in an undeclared war with valor, dignity and devotion to principle that was in the highest tradition of military service; and

Whereas, hundreds of Oklahomans died, thousands were wounded and many were subjected to the most barbaric forms of captivity during this long conflict; and

Whereas, as they returned home, our Vietnam veterans were all too often not accorded the thanks and gratitude they deserved; and

Whereas, the Oklahoma Legislature unanimously designated the third Thursday of March, 2000, and in each year thereafter, as Vietnam Veterans Day to pay honored tribute to those men and women whose service in Vietnam helped preserve freedom;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim Thursday, March 17, 2011 as

"Vietnam Veterans Awareness Day"

in the State of Oklahoma.

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In Witness Whereof, *I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.*

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 26th *day of* January *, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and* Eleven *, and of the State of Oklahoma in the* one hundred third *year.*

Mary Fallin

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

V. Glenn Coffee

SECRETARY OF STATE