



**Office of the Governor  
State of Missouri**

**Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the Vietnam War was the longest military conflict in United States history with hostilities in Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia and Thailand, claiming the lives of more than 58,000 Americans, 2,338 Missing in Action, 766 Prisoners of War and 1,412 Missouri servicemen Killed in Action in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, the Vietnam War inspired extreme emotions from both supporters and opponents and an unfortunate legacy of the conflict is the sub par treatment received by many military heroes returning home; and

WHEREAS, the state of Missouri recognizes Vietnam veterans with the Vietnam War Veterans' Award and medallion program; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to let all Vietnam veterans know how much we appreciate the commitment and honor they displayed and to express our gratitude for the immeasurable sacrifices they made for America, in an effort to ensure that future heroes returning home from conflict are never treated in such a shameful way again;

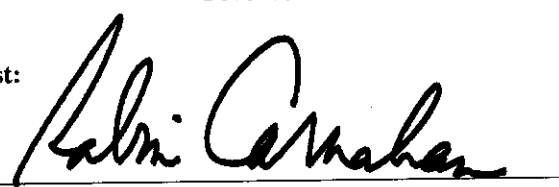
NOW THEREFORE, I, Matt Blunt, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim April 30, 2008 as

**VIETNAM VETERANS DAY**

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008.



  
Governor

Attest:   
Secretary of State