## Executive Department

State of California

Love and Loyalty now meet, Righteousness and Leace now embrace; Loyalty reaches up from Earth and Righteousness leans down from Heaven.

> Psalm 85: 10,11

WHEREAS, throughout our history Americans have served in the armed forces in order to protect and insure the peace and harmony of our great nation; and

WHEREAS, we who enjoy the fruits of their sacrifices owe much to the men and women who have served, or are currently serving, in the armed forces; and

WHEREAS, there are 3.6 million veterans in California, one million of whom are Vietnam veterans; and

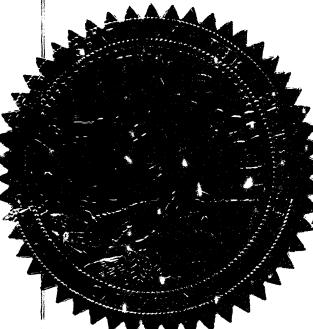
WHEREAS, many of those who left their homes and families to fight in Southeast Asia suffered trauma, disablement, and sometimes death on our behalf; and

WHEREAS, the Vietnam War has left an uncertain legacy in the form of physical and psychological health rroblems; and

WHEREAS, the debt we owe to all veterans was not fully extended to those who returned home from Vietnam because of our nation's internal struggles over the appropriateness of the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, many diverse veteran groups throughout the state are working this fall with the Department of Veterans Affairs to honor the contributions made by veterans, and in particular Vietnam veterans, to the continuence of our state and nation and the freedoms we enjoy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of California, do hereby proclaim October 23 through November 23, 1981 as Veterans Recognition Month with special emphasis on Vietnam veterans, I call upon al! Californians to acknowledge the sacrifice and to recognize the commitment made by all veterans to our society, and I urge everyone throughout the state to celebrate the essential contribution that all veterans have made toward our democratic way of life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 23rd day of September 1981.

Governor of California

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