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Love and Loyalty now meet, Righteousness and
peace 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 cur-
rently 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 problems;
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 particu-
lar Vietnam veterans, to the continuance 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 all 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.


Edmund G. Brown Jr.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

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Secretary of State

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