

WHEREAS: Vietnam veterans are national heroes, and I call upon all Georgians to remember their lives, their deeds, their courage and their continued commitment to America. As we honor our soldiers who are still in harm's way, we need to remember those who came before them and are now safely home. Our Vietnam veterans are among these men; and

WHEREAS: The purpose of Vietnam Veterans of America is to help foster the improvement of the condition of the Vietnam veteran; to promote the physical and cultural improvement, growth and development, self-respect, self-confidence and usefulness of Vietnam-era veterans and others; to eliminate discrimination suffered by Vietnam veterans; and to develop channels of communication that will enrich their lives; and

WHEREAS: This year marks the 30th anniversary of the return of 591 American POWs held in Vietnam, thanks to Operation Homecoming; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby commend the

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 22nd day of May, 2003.