State of Connecticut

By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

Official Statement

WHEREAS, April 30, 2010, will represent the 35th anniversary of the end of American involvement in the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, thousands of brave Americans served our country in this conflict with courage, honor and valor; and

WHEREAS, more than 58,000 individuals made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam and thousands more were wounded in combat; and

WHEREAS, 1,720 Americans are still missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam conflict, including 27 from the State of Connecticut and their families, friends and fellow veterans still endure uncertainty concerning their fate; and

WHEREAS, the 34th Anniversary presents the opportunity of the people of America to honor and thank our Vietnam Veterans for all that they have given in the service of our country; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2010, veterans organizations, municipalities and families across the state will hold "Welcome Home" ceremonies to honor all Vietnam and Vietnam-era veterans who served with honor; now

THEREFORE, I, M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially declare March 30, 2010, as

WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

in the State of Connecticut.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

M. Jodi Rell

Governor