

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, This year will mark the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and,

*Whereas*, Engraved upon the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, also known as The Wall, are the names of 58,282 heroes – 193 from the state of South Dakota – who valiantly gave their lives in service to our country during the Vietnam War; and,

*Whereas*, Both Houses of the United States Congress have unanimously authorized the building of a new underground Education Center across from The Wall to continue the process of remembrance, healing, and honoring for those who served and died in the Vietnam War; and,

*Whereas*, The Education Center will feature The Wall of Faces, digital images of the 58,282 casualties memorialized on The Wall and also those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in Iraq and Afghanistan; and,

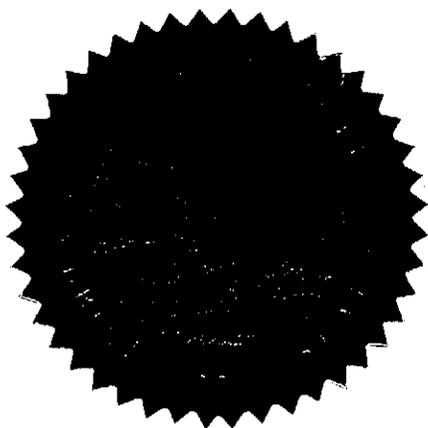
*Whereas*, The Education Center will share and celebrate core values of duty, loyalty, respect, service, honor, courage, and integrity and stories that must be preserved and shared with future generations; and,

*Whereas*, The state of South Dakota has a strong commitment to serving those who served our nation:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2012, as

### *VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL WALL DAY*

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

*Dennis Daugaard*  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Patricia K. Miller / Deputy*  
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State