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Commemoration of Vietnam Veterans on the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War

WHEREAS, American involvement in the conflict of Vietnam spanned several decades with the ground offensive officially beginning in March of 1965 with the deployment of 2,500 Marines; by Christmas of that year, nearly 200,000 American troops were in the country; and

WHEREAS, this war was long and controversial in nature and defined an entire generation of Americans; 216,000 of North Carolina's men and women served in the military during the Vietnam War; 4,200 were wounded and 1,624 were killed in action; and

WHEREAS, by the official end of the Vietnam War in April of 1975, nearly 3 million American service men and women had been on the ground, in the air, on the rivers and at sea within Vietnam's borders fighting heroically to protect the ideals we hold dear as Americans. At least 58,195 paid the ultimate sacrifice during this difficult and painful period; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of a chapter in our Nation's history that must never be forgotten, let us renew our sacred commitment to those who answered our country's call in Vietnam; may we remain thankful to those who fought in this conflict and honor their legacy of service; and

WHEREAS, the freedoms and liberties we are blessed to enjoy are a direct result of the courage, devotion, and sacrifice of the members of our Armed Forces.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That this Board does hereby proclaim February 4 – November 11, 2015:

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in Buncombe County.

2. That this Board does hereby encourage all citizens to show honor and respect to our Vietnam War veterans, their families and all who have served realizing that it is never too late to pay tribute to the men and women who answer the call of duty with courage and valor.
3. That this proclamation be effective upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this the 4th day of February, 2014.

Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

BY: _____
David Gantt, Chairman