



State of Iowa
Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER SEVEN

WHEREAS, Iowa has always answered our nation's call, and Vietnam conflict was no exception; and

WHEREAS, 115,000 Iowans served during the Vietnam Era, 6,000 of those were wounded, 42 are still unaccounted, and 841 paid the supreme sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, on Veterans Day, November 11, 1982, Governor Robert D. Ray announced a seven-member Vietnam Veterans Memorial Ad hoc Committee to coordinate the development of a memorial on the State Capitol grounds.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Terry E. Branstad, Governor of the State of Iowa, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws and Constitution of the State of Iowa do hereby order that:

- I. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Ad hoc Committee be officially established as the Iowa Vietnam Veterans Memorial Commission and that the chairperson of the Commission be designated by the Governor.
- II. The Iowa Vietnam Veterans Memorial Commission work with the Iowa Arts Council and the Department of General Services in erecting an Iowa Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

III. The Iowa Vietnam Veterans Memorial be built with private funds raised by the Iowa Vietnam Veterans Memorial Commission, and a target date for its completion be set on Memorial Day, May 28, 1984, to coincide with the Vietnam Veterans Reunion in Des Moines, Iowa with appropriate ceremonies coordinated by the Iowa National Guard.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have here unto subscribed my name, and caused the Great Seal of the State of Iowa to be affixed. Done at Des Moines this 16th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred eighty-three.



Terry E Brantstad
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Mary Jane Odell
SECRETARY OF STATE