



# *Proclamation*

## **BLACK APRIL**

**APRIL 30, 2022**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council commemorates April 30<sup>th</sup> known as Black April or “Tháng Tư Đen” and is a day to lament and reflect upon the Fall of Saigon and fall of South Vietnam; and

**WHEREAS**, April 30, 1975 marked a day of great importance in both Vietnamese and American history; and

**WHEREAS**, known as the Fall of Saigon, April 30, 1975 was the day South Vietnam was captured by the North Vietnamese communists, which ultimately ended the Vietnam War; and

**WHEREAS**, as many as 250,000 South Vietnamese soldiers and nearly 60,000 American soldiers died during the Vietnam War, and there are Vietnamese and American veterans still with us today in Westminster; and

**WHEREAS**, the sacrifices of these soldiers and the memory of their courageous acts will never be forgotten; and

**WHEREAS**, in commemoration of the 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Black April, the City of Westminster will fly the South Vietnamese flag half-staff at the Vietnamese-American War Memorial at Sid Goldstein Freedom Park from April 22 through May 1, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, a commemoration wreath will be placed at the memorial site on April 30, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Tri Ta, Mayor of the City of Westminster, on behalf of Vice Mayor Carlos Manzo, and Council Members Tai Do, Kimberly Ho, and Chi Charlie Nguyen, do hereby proclaim April 30, 2022, as **BLACK APRIL** in the City of Westminster in honor of the 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the fall of Saigon and encourage all residents observe a moment of silence in memory of our fallen brothers who sacrificed their lives for freedom.

DATE: April 19, 2022

  
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Tri Ta, Mayor