



# Proclamation

## NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY

MARCH 29, 2023

**WHEREAS**, the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017 was signed into law by 45<sup>th</sup> U.S. President Donald J. Trump, designating every March 29 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day; and

**WHEREAS**, March 29 was chosen to be observed in perpetuity as March 29, 1973 was the day United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam was disestablished, and the day the last U.S. combat troops departed Vietnam; in addition, it was the same timeframe which Hanoi released the last of its acknowledged prisoners of war; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration honors all veterans who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces at any time from November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of location, and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Veterans Affairs estimates that today there are more than 7 million U.S. Vietnam veterans living in America and abroad, along with 10 million families of those who served during this timeframe; and

**WHEREAS**, about 40% of the City of Westminster's population is Vietnamese Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Westminster honors the sacrifices and services of men and women who answered the nation's call and served with distinction, both at home and abroad.

**NOW, THEREFORE I**, Chi Charlie Nguyen, Mayor of the City of Westminster, on behalf of Vice Mayor NamQuan Nguyen, and Council Members Amy Phan West, Carlos Manzo, and Kimberly Ho do hereby proclaim March 29, 2023 as **NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY** in the City of Westminster and encourage all residents to respect and honor Vietnam War era veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the Nation.

Signed and Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023 by the City Council.

Chi Charlie Nguyen, Mayor

NamQuan Nguyen, Vice Mayor, District 4

Amy Phan West, Council Member, District 1

Carlos Manzo, Council Member, District 2

Kimberly Ho, Council Member, District 3