



# *Proclamation*

## **BLACK APRIL**

**APRIL 30, 2023**

**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**, April 30 is annually 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**, in commemoration of the 48th 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 and in front of Westminster Senior Center from April 23 through April 30; and

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

**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 April 30, 2023 as **BLACK APRIL** in the City of Westminster in honor of the 48th 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.

Signed and Dated this 22<sup>nd</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