



Proclamation

BLACK APRIL

APRIL 30, 2024

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 49th 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 Kimberly Ho, and Council Members Amy Phan West, Carlos Manzo, and NamQuan Nguyen do hereby proclaim April 30, 2024 as **BLACK APRIL** in the City of Westminster in honor of the 49th 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 30th day of April 2024 by the City Council.

Chi Charlie Nguyen, Mayor

Kimberly Ho, Vice Mayor, District 3

Amy Phan West, Council Member, District 1

Carlos Manzo, Council Member, District 2

NamQuan Nguyen, Council Member, District 4