



Proclamation

VETERANS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM ARMED FORCES DAY

JUNE 19, 2024

WHEREAS, from 1961 to 1975, the Vietnam War brought about the loss of approximately 250,000 members of the armed forces of the Republic of Vietnam and 58,000 members of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, more than 300,000 members of the United States Armed Forces and more than 1,000,000 members of the armed forces of the Republic of Vietnam were injured; and

WHEREAS, after the Fall of Saigon, more than 250,000 members of the armed forces of the Republic of Vietnam were sent to reeducation camps; many spent up to 17 years in captivity and more than 20,000 died before they were released; and

WHEREAS, thousands of veterans of the Republic of Vietnam now reside in the United States and participate in activities sponsored by American veterans, including Memorial Day, and today there are an estimated 100,000 veterans from the Republic of Vietnam living in California; and

WHEREAS, all veterans who risked their lives fighting for freedom should be honored for their distinguished service in the Vietnam War and for the contributions they provide to the United States as American citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Westminster honors the sacrifices, commitment, dedication, and courage of everyone who fought for the freedom of the Republic of Vietnam and joins with veterans to designate June 19 as a day of remembrance for Americans and Vietnamese who fought side by side for the ideals and values of democracy.

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 June 19, 2024 as **VETERANS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM ARMED FORCES DAY** in the City of Westminster in memory of the soldiers who sacrificed their lives for freedom and democracy and the victims of the Vietnam War, and in honor of the survivors, activists, and freedom fighters of that war.

Signed and Dated this 12th day of June 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