

Proclamation

Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day March 30, 2022

WHEREAS, the Vietnam War was fought in Vietnam from 1961-1975 involving North Vietnam and Viet Cong in conflict with the United States and South Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, the United States became involved in Vietnam because policymakers in the United States believed that if South Vietnam fell to a Communist government, Communism would spread throughout Southeast Asia; and

WHEREAS, in 1965, United States combat troops composed mainly of volunteers arrived in Vietnam and by 1969, a peak of approximately 543,000 troops was reached; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 1973, the Treaty of Paris was signed declaring the release of all United States prisoners of war held in North Vietnam and the withdrawal of all United States Armed Forces from South Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 1973 United States Armed Forces completed the withdrawal of combat troops from Vietnam and arrived home on March 30th with no welcome; and

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2009, the California legislature enacted Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day designated on March 30th due to Vietnam Veteran Jose G. Ramos' efforts; and

WHEREAS, we commemorate the end of the Vietnam War, we pay tribute to the brave men and women who selflessly answered our nation's call. We reaffirm one of our most fundamental obligations to honor those who have served and those who continue to serve; and

WHEREAS, Vietnam Veterans of America, Steve Warren Memorial Chapter 464 was chartered in San Mateo County in January 1990 and continues to advocate for all veterans meeting in Redwood City for many years.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, GISELLE HALE, MAYOR OF REDWOOD CITY, on behalf of the City Council and the people of the City of Redwood City, do hereby proclaim March 30, 2022 as **WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS DAY** in Redwood City and encourage all residents to observe this day in honor of all Veterans for their service and sacrifice.

Date: March 30, 2022





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