

**PROCLAMATION
WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS DAY**

WHEREAS, National Vietnam Veterans Day gives the opportunity for all Americans to recognize, honor and thank our Vietnam Veterans and their families for their service and sacrifices during the Vietnam War from November 1, 1955 – May 15, 1975; and

WHEREAS; over 9,000 organizations across America have joined with the Department of Defense as a Commemorative Partner to honor our Nation's Vietnam Veterans, including all 88 Chapters of the State of Indiana, National Society Daughters American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, this commemoration includes nine million Americans, with approximately 558,000 of them living today, and makes no distinction who served in-country, in-theater, or were stationed elsewhere during those 2 years – all answered the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, during the conflict more than 304,000 service members were wounded, 75,000 disabled and 58,000 killed. Thousands spent time in prison camps and 1,253 are still Missing in Action; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Hendricks County and the State of Indiana have a tremendous amount of pride in our Vietnam veterans and military personnel for courageously representing our country; and

WHEREAS, we must never forget the debt we owe these men and women who have loyally served our nation in battle; we must never take for granted their contributions and sacrifices; and we must remember with honor those who have so unselfishly put themselves in harm's way so that we may live in peace, and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Hendricks County, acknowledge the courage, sacrifice, honor and positive achievements of our nations' Vietnam Veterans and their families, and firmly represent that we proudly welcome them home;

NOW THEREFORE, the Hendricks County Board of Commissioners, proclaim March 30, 2018 as **WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS' DAY** in the County of Hendricks, State of Indiana.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, we hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of the County of Hendricks to be affixed this 27th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Hendricks County Board of Commissioners

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