

PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MARCH 29, 2019 AS VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

WHEREAS, the Vietnam War was fought in the Republic of Vietnam from 1955 to 1975 and involved regular forces from the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and Viet Cong guerrilla forces in armed conflict with the Armed Forces of the United States; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 1973, the Paris Peace Accords was signed, which required the release of all prisoners-of-war of the United States; and

WHEREAS, more than 58,000 members of the Armed Forces of the United States lost their lives in the Vietnam War, and more than 300,000 members were wounded in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated in the District of Columbia to commemorate the members of the Armed Forces of the United States who died or were declared missing-in-action in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, the Vietnam War was an extremely divisive issue among the people of the United States and a conflict that caused a generation of veterans to wait too long for the public of the United States to acknowledge and honor their service; and

WHEREAS, designating March 29, 2019, as “Vietnam Veterans Day” would be an appropriate way to honor the members of the Armed Forces of the United States who served in South Vietnam and throughout Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby designates March 29, 2019 as Vietnam Veterans Day in honor of the men and women of the United States Armed Forces who served in Vietnam and encourages the community to observe Vietnam Veterans Day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved this 26th day of March 2019.

RICHARD F. CORTEZ
County Judge

DAVID L. FUENTES
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

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Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk