

Hidalgo County

Proclamation Declaring March 29, 2023, As 'National Vietnam War Veterans Day'

Whereas one of the greatest acknowledgements of our freedom is by expressing our gratitude for the service of our armed forces, including those who served during the Vietnam War and who, in many instances, paid the ultimate sacrifice; and

Whereas the United States began its involvement in the Vietnam War on August 5, 1964 and ended on May 7, 1975, by order of President Gerald Ford – a period in which approximately 2.7 million American men and women served, including the 58,220 who died and 153,000 who were wounded; and

Whereas today, there are fewer than 850,000 living Vietnam War veterans; and

Whereas the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017 was signed into law by the 45th U.S. President Donald J. Trump, designating March 29th of each year as “National Vietnam War Veterans Day;” and

Whereas March 29th is the anniversary of the day in 1973 when the United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam was disestablished and the day the last U.S combat troops departed Vietnam; and

Whereas we make no distinction between veterans who served in-country, in-theater, or who were stationed elsewhere during the Vietnam War. All were called to serve and none could self-determine where they would serve. Each person who served during this period earned and rightly deserves our profound gratitude; and

Whereas we must never again confuse personal disapproval of war with prejudice against those who honorably wear the uniform of our Armed Forces.

Now therefore, be it proclaimed that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court declares March 29, 2023 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day and recognizes that this is an opportunity for the people of Hidalgo County to honor and thank our Vietnam Veterans for their sacrifice to our County. Welcome home.

Approved this 21st day of March 2023.



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