



PROCLAMATION



MARCH 29TH
VIETNAM VETERANS DAY



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50TH ANNIVERSARY
MARCH 29, 2023

WHEREAS, in 1982, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated in Washington, DC to commemorate those members of the U.S. Armed Forces who died or were declared missing-in-action in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, members of the U.S. Armed Forces who served bravely and faithfully for the U.S. during the Vietnam War era were caught upon their return home in the crossfire of public debate about the involvement of the U.S. Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, March 29, 2023, is the 50th anniversary of the day that combat and combat support units withdrew completely from South Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, veterans of the Vietnam War era faithfully served and contributed to the military and, in the 50 years since, have faithfully served and contributed to their communities since returning home; and

WHEREAS, Vietnam War veterans have worked for the last 50 years to promote awareness of the importance of communities empowering veterans and the necessity of helping veterans readjust to civilian life after military service; and

WHEREAS, Vietnam War veterans have worked to assist veterans returning from other conflicts, including wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, and to support the reintegration of younger veterans into civilian life; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a day to welcome home Vietnam era veterans is an appropriate way to honor those members of the U.S. Armed Forces who served during the Vietnam War era; and

WHEREAS, Vietnam Veterans Day commemorates the hardships suffered and sacrifices made by nine million Americans during the Vietnam War, including their families who supported them before and after the war.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cohen Barnes, Mayor of the City of DeKalb, along with the City of DeKalb City Council, honor this 50th anniversary of Vietnam Veteran's Day and recognize the veterans for their service and sacrifice during that conflict.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of DeKalb to be affixed this 27th day of March 2023.



Cohen Barnes, Mayor

Carolyn Morris, Alderman - 1st Ward
Barb Larson, Alderman - 2nd Ward
Tracy Smith, Alderman - 3rd Ward
Greg Perkins, Alderman - 4th Ward
Scott McAdams, Alderman - 5th Ward
Mike Verbic, Alderman - 6th Ward
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