

ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Proclamation

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VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY

WHEREAS, millions of brave Americans have demonstrated their courage and commitment to freedom by serving in the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty and in mobilized National Guard and Reserve units during our nation's wars and armed conflicts; and

WHEREAS, one of those is the Vietnam War, conducted between 1954–1975 when the United States and other members of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO) joined the forces with the Republic of South Vietnam to contest communist forces, comprising South Vietnamese guerrillas and regular-force units, generally known as Viet Cong (VC), and the North Vietnamese Army (NVA); and

WHEREAS, 540,000 Americans served in this war with over 58,300 dead, 300,000 wounded, and over 2,400 missing; and

WHEREAS, many of those who returned home from what was considered an unpopular war were not given the same respect and acknowledgment given to Veterans of previous wars; and

WHEREAS, Arlington County is home to over 3,000 Vietnam Veterans and is proud of all our Veterans and is dedicated to honoring all of them in order to ensure we never forget them for their specific service and sacrifices;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christian Dorsey, Chair of the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, do hereby proclaim March 29, 2023, as

VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY

in Arlington, Virginia, and commend its observance to all our citizens.



Christian Dorsey
Chair