

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DESIGNATING MARCH 30, 2022 as

Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day!

WHEREAS, The Vietnam War was fought in Vietnam from 1961 to 1975 and involved North Vietnam and the Viet Cong in conflict with the United States and South Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, the United State became involved in Vietnam because American policymakers believed that if the entire country fell under a Communist government, Communism would spread throughout Southeast Asia; and

WHEREAS, in 1965, U.S. combat troops composed mainly of volunteers arrived in Vietnam and by 1969, a peak of approximately 543,000 troops would be reached; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 1973, the Treaty of Paris was signed declaring the release of all American prisoners of war from North Vietnam and the withdrawal of all U.S. forces from South Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, on March 29, 1973 the last U.S. troops left Vietnam and arrived home on March 30, 1973 without welcome; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the California Legislature designated March 30th as Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day due to the heroic efforts of Jose G. Ramos.

WHEREAS, Vietnam Veterans of America, Steve Warren Memorial Chapter 464 was chartered in San Mateo County in January 1990 and continues to advocate for all veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates March 30, 2022 as Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day in San Mateo County.

Dated: March 22, 2022

SUPERVISORS:

DON HORSLEY, PRESIDENT

DAVE PINE

CAROLE GROOM

WARREN SLOCUM

DAVID J. CANEPA

Attest: _____

Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors