

# Proclamation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DESIGNATING MARCH 30, 2024 as

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## Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day

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*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 30<sup>th</sup> 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, 2024 as Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day in San Mateo County.

**Dated: March 26, 2024**

**SUPERVISORS:**

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WARREN SLOCUM, PRESIDENT

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DAVE PINE

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NOELIA CORZO

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RAY MUELLER

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DAVID J. CANEPA

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

*Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors*