

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DESIGNATING APRIL 1, 2017 as

Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day

WHEREAS, the Vietnam War, also known as the Second Indochina War, military struggle was fought in Vietnam from 1959-1975, involving the North Vietnamese and National Liberation Front (NLF) in conflict with United States forces and the south Vietnamese army; and

WHEREAS, the United States became involved in Vietnam because American policymakers believed that if the entire country fell under a Communist government, Communism would spread throughout Southwest 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 on March 29, 1973 the last U.S. troops left Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated at the U.S. Capitol to commemorate the U.S. personnel who died or were declared missing in action; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates April 1, 2017 as **WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS DAY** in San Mateo County.

Dated: April 1, 2017

SUPERVISORS:

DON HORSLEY, PRESIDENT

DAVE PINE

CAROLE GROOM

WARREN SLOCUM

DAVID J. CANEPA

Attest: _____

Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors