

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DESIGNATING MARCH 30, 2016 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 the 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 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 Treat 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

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

WHEREAS, Vietnam Veterans of America, Steve Warren Memorial Chapter 464 was chartered in San Mateo County in January, 1990.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims March 30, 2016 as “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day” and extends their warmest welcome and heartfelt gratitude to the veterans who served so faithfully in Vietnam.

Dated: March 29, 2016

SUPERVISORS:

WARREN SLOCUM, PRESIDENT

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ADRIENNE J. TISSIER

Attest:

Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors