

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia during its 2010 session, in House Joint Resolution 136 and Senate Joint Resolution 42, designated March 30th as “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day” to celebrate the service and numerous contributions of the Commonwealth’s Vietnam-era veterans; and

WHEREAS, 44 Soldiers of the United States Army from Alexandria deployed from our City for combat duty in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War, earned 109 awards for valor and service and made the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, 15 Marines of the United States Marine Corps from Alexandria deployed from our City for combat duty in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War, earned 18 awards for valor and service and made the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, 5 Pilots of the United States Air Force from Alexandria deployed from our City for combat duty in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War, earned 8 awards for valor and service and made the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, 3 Aviators and Sailors of the United States Navy from Alexandria deployed from our City for combat duty in Southeast Asia and the South China Sea during the Vietnam War, earned 1 award for valor and service and made the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, these 67 members of the U.S. Armed Forces served in Southeast Asia and the South China Sea from May 1962 to January 1973, earned 1 Medal of Honor, 1 Navy Cross, 5 Silver Stars, 5 Distinguished Flying Crosses, 27 Bronze Stars, 1 POW Medal, 1 Soldier’s Medal, 51 Purple Hearts and 44 Air Medals; and

WHEREAS, 6 of these 67 members of the U.S. Armed Forces (3 Soldiers, 2 Pilots and 1 Sailor) were reported as “Missing in Action” in Southeast Asia and its contiguous waters during the Vietnam War and remain unaccounted for after more than 54 years; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of other citizens of the City of Alexandria who served in the U.S. Armed Forces are proud to call themselves Vietnam War Veterans and continue to contribute mightily to our vivacious community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria desires to recognize the Heroism, Service and Sacrifice of all our Vietnam Veterans on Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALLISON SILBERBERG, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby designate March 30th, 2017 as:

“CITY OF ALEXANDRIA WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS DAY”

In support of what they did to demonstrate heroic service and sacrifice to all citizens of Alexandria.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 14th day of March, 2017.

ALLISON SILBERBERG MAYOR

*On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia*

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk