

# Proclamation

- Whereas,* March 29, 2025, marks the 52nd Anniversary of when the last United States Military unit left Vietnam and the final group of American prisoners of war were freed; and
- Whereas,* 350,000 men and women from the state of California served in Vietnam; and
- Whereas,* the names of more than 5,500 Californians who laid down their lives are etched on the black granite of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and
- Whereas,* the State of California joins the Nation in recognizing Vietnam veterans by setting aside March 29th of each year as National Vietnam War Veterans Day; and
- Whereas,* on this day, we remember and honor those who selflessly served, who gave the ultimate sacrifice, who were wounded and live with those scars daily, and who are still missing in Southeast Asia; we will never forget you; and
- Whereas,* the freedoms we enjoy today are a direct result of the courage, sacrifice, and devotion of our members of the United States Armed Forces. We, as American citizens, are grateful for their strength and dedication; and
- Whereas,* we want to convey a hearty welcome home and thank you to those who never heard it and declare that we are very proud of you and your service to your country and the State of California.

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved* that I, Amy Thomas Howorth, Mayor of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, on behalf of the City Council and the residents of Manhattan Beach, do hereby proclaim March 29, 2025, as

## National Vietnam War Veterans Day

across the State and in the City of Manhattan Beach, I encourage my fellow citizens to remember and respect our veterans for their service year-round.

*Dated* this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2025.

ATTEST:



City Clerk Liza Tamura



Mayor Amy Thomas Howorth

