

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. CP16-0054 Dedicating and Celebrating the Vietnam War Memorial

WHEREAS, refugees from the Republic of Vietnam who emigrated to the United States, and settled in Denver, should be honored for their sacrifices for freedom and human rights in Vietnam and for their contributions to the United States; and

WHEREAS, thousands of American and Vietnamese service men and women gave their lives in the fight for freedom, human rights and democracy; and

WHEREAS, the Vietnamese–American Community of Colorado honors that legacy of joint freedom fighting by dedicating the Vietnam War Memorial to the City of Denver so that future generations may acknowledge and honor the sacrifices of the more than 3 million Americans and Vietnamese who served; and

WHEREAS, the fight for freedom, human rights and democracy for Vietnam continues today in the Vietnamese–American Community of Colorado lead by Mr. Tom Nguyen (Nguyen Trong Cuong), President, the Board of Directors and the Vietnam War Memorial Committee; and

WHEREAS, the memorial reflects and reaffirms the respect and support of a grateful community for the sacrifices of a generation of veterans from both nations and is an ongoing testament for both Denverites and Coloradans of the deep friendship between our Vietnamese community and the United States; and

WHEREAS, through the generous donations and support from throughout the community, the memorial pays tribute to the Americans and Vietnamese who sacrificed their lives, and the over 1 million Vietnamese civilians who died at sea during the evacuations; and

WHEREAS, the Vietnamese-American Community of Colorado dedicates this memorial at Alameda Square in Council District 7 to this shared legacy and in gratitude to their adopted country and in solidarity with the Republic of South Vietnam.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That the Council of the City and County of Denver thanks the Vietnamese-American Community for establishing a memorial to honor the legacy of the millions of men and women, both American and Vietnamese, who served and sacrificed during the Vietnam War.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Tom Nguyen, Vietnam War Memorial Committee.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL January 25, 2016

PRESIDENT