

**Village of Arlington Heights Proclamation  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Vietnam Veterans Day  
March 29, 2023**

**WHEREAS**, in 1982, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated in Washington, DC to commemorate those members of the U.S. Armed Forces who died or were declared missing-in-action in Vietnam; and

**WHEREAS**, Members of the U.S. Armed Forces who served bravely and faithfully for the U.S. during the Vietnam War were caught upon their return home in the crossfire of public debate about the involvement of the U.S. in the Vietnam War; and

**WHEREAS**, March 29<sup>th</sup> marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the day that combat and combat support units withdrew completely from South Vietnam; and

**WHEREAS**, Veterans of the Vietnam War faithfully served and contributed to the military and, in the 50 years since, have faithfully served and contributed to their communities since returning home; and

**WHEREAS**, Vietnam War veterans have worked for the last 50 years to promote awareness of the importance of communities empowering veterans and the necessity of helping veterans readjust to civilian life after military service; and

**WHEREAS**, Vietnam War veterans have worked to assist veterans returning from other conflicts, including wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, and to support the reintegration of younger veterans into civilian life; and

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of a day to welcome home Vietnam veterans is an appropriate way to honor those members of the U.S. Armed Forces who served in Vietnam during the Vietnam War;

**THEREFORE**, I, Mayor Thomas W. Hayes, along with the Arlington Heights Village Board of Trustees, honor this 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Vietnam Veteran's Day and recognize the Veterans for their service and sacrifice during that conflict.



**Thomas W. Hayes**

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