

*The Board of Supervisors of
Contra Costa County, California*

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2015/153

COMMEMORATING the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War

WHEREAS, the Vietnam War was fought in the Republic of South Vietnam from 1961 to 1975; and

WHEREAS, there are six and one-half million Vietnam-era veterans, of whom more than two and one-half million served in Vietnam. Despite significant disruptions in their lives and other personal sacrifices, they answered the call of their country and served with great distinction; and

WHEREAS, the Vietnam War was an extremely divisive issue among the people of the United States and a conflict that caused a generation of veterans to wait too long for the United States public to acknowledge and honor the efforts and services of such veterans; and

WHEREAS, Vietnam Veterans have left an endearing legacy on our Nation's fabric. Not only for the sacrifices they made in the jungles, mountains and swamps of Vietnam, but for the endurance required of them upon their return; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States, Barack Obama, proclaimed May 28, 2012 through November 11, 2025 as the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War and in doing so called upon other Federal, State, and local officials to honor our Vietnam veterans, the fallen, the wounded, those unaccounted for, our former prisoners of war, their families, and all who served with programs, ceremonies, and activities; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County recognizes these sacrifices and honors all Vietnam Veterans for their service; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County hopes to honor their commitment to Veterans through the Veterans Service Office; and

WHEREAS, across our country, veterans who fought to protect our democracy around the globe are strengthening it here at home. Once leaders in the Armed Forces, they are now pioneers and pillars of their local communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors hereby commemorates the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War and in doing so encourages all Contra Costans to say 'Thank You' and 'Welcome Home' to our Vietnam Veterans from a grateful community, State and Nation.

JOHN GIOIA

Chair,
District I Supervisor

CANDACE ANDERSEN

District II Supervisor

MARY N. PIEPHO

District III Supervisor

KAREN MITCHOFF

District IV Supervisor

FEDERAL D. GLOVER

District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: May 5, 2015

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy