

CITY OF MILWAUKIE "Dogwood City of the West"

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, more than 3 million men and women from across the United States of America, including 126,000 who presently reside in the State of Oregon, answered the call to service over the course of the thirteen years of the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, 58,220 United States service members made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty to their country during the Vietnam War, including over 700 from the State of Oregon, and 11from the City of Milwaukie; and

WHEREAS, by the end of the conflict 2,646 United States service members were reported as missing, and as of today 1,647 remain unaccounted for as a result of their response to our nation's call during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, many veterans of the Vietnam War and their families continue to cope with the physical and mental scars suffered as a result of their service to our nation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Milwaukie recognizes the courage of the men and women who served, and with American Legion Post 180 was one of the first in the Pacific Northwest to officially join the United States Department of Defense program commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, the City of Milwaukie has partnered with America Legion Post 180 to commemorate the service, valor and sacrifice made by those who responded to the call to duty during the Vietnam War through various events and activities between 2015 and 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, Jeremy Ferguson, Mayor of the City of Milwaukie, in the County of Clackamas, and in the State of Oregon, do hereby proclaim the years 2012-2025, in Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War and commend its observance to all citizens of the "Dogwood City of the West".

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, and with the consent of the City Council of the City of Milwaukie, I have hereunto set my hand on this 11th day of November, 2013.

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Pat DuVal, City Recorder

