



***Proclamation***  
***OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO***  
***Recognizing March 29, 2018***  
***National Vietnam War Veterans Day***

***WHEREAS***, the freedom and security that the citizens of the United States enjoy today are the result of the bloodshed and continued vigilance given by the United States Armed Forces over the history of our great nation and, as such, our nation maintains a solemn commitment to honor every man and woman who serves in the United States Armed Forces; and,

***WHEREAS***, we pay tribute to and express profound gratitude not only to the men and women who answered our country's call to duty with selfless "Service, Valor and Sacrifice" to serve their country during the Vietnam War, but also to their families who awaited their safe return; and,

***WHEREAS***, a generation of our nation's men and women fought heroically in defense of liberty and to protect the ideals we hold dear as Americans, only to return home to face treatment unbecoming their loyalty and a welcome unworthy of their honorable service, shouldering the burden of an unpopular war that was no fault of their own; and,

***WHEREAS***, on March 29, 1973, the last combat troops were ordered out of Vietnam, and while many troops remained behind before the fall of Saigon, March 29<sup>th</sup> holds great meaning for many Vietnam Veterans; and,

***WHEREAS***, in 2017 Congress approved and President Donald Trump signed into law the "Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act," bipartisan legislation representing the first federal statute that recognizes the bravery and sacrifice of veterans who served during the Vietnam War and that permanently designates March 29<sup>th</sup> as National Vietnam War Veterans Day; and,

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED***, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado does hereby recognize, honor and thank our Vietnam Veterans and their families for their service and sacrifices during the Vietnam War by proclaiming March 29, 2018, as National Vietnam War Veterans Day.

***PASSED AND ADOPTED*** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 20th day of March 2018.

Attest:  
James S. Mitrisin  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
by:

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Deputy Clerk

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Supervisor Michael Ranalli  
Chair, Board of Supervisors