

ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Proclamation

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NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY

WHEREAS, March 29, 2021 marks the third anniversary of National Vietnam War Veterans Day; and

WHEREAS, men and women from Arlington County have served with distinction in the Armed Forces for the Vietnam War and the wars to follow, and they continue to serve in defense of our freedoms; and

WHEREAS, fifty-four Arlington County residents were among those Americans killed in action during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, Arlington County is home to Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall and countless military veterans of all Military Services; and

WHEREAS, the President signed into law S. 305, the “Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017,” which encourages the display of the U.S. flag on March 29, National Vietnam War Veterans Day; and

WHEREAS, more than 8.7 million U.S. Service members were deployed worldwide from August 4, 1964 to May 7, 1975, of which more than 2.7 million served in Vietnam, with 47,434 giving their lives in combat and another 153,303 wounded;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Matt de Ferranti, Chair of the County Board in Arlington, Virginia, do hereby proclaim March 29, 2021, as

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in Arlington County and encourage our residents to remember and commemorate America’s entry into the Vietnam War and the great sacrifices that awaited its citizens 55 years ago.



Matt de Ferranti
Chair