



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2024-17

National Vietnam War Veterans Day

WHEREAS, throughout American history, patriotic men and women have sworn an oath to defend our nation, establishing an honorable tradition of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, more than 3 million Americans served in the Vietnam War, with more than 58,000 making the ultimate sacrifice; more than 304,000 were wounded; 2,500 Prisoners of War (POW) and more than 1,200 are still Missing in Action (MIA); and

WHEREAS, the Vietnam War lasted for 19 years and 180 days, making it one of the longest military conflicts in the United States' history; and

WHEREAS, members of the United States Armed Forces served bravely and faithfully during the Vietnam War returned home in the crossfire of an extremely divisive time which deprived many of those members of public support and appreciation of their patriotic service; and

WHEREAS, we cannot measure the debt of gratitude we owe to those brave men and women who served, were wounded, or died in battle in defense of the values we hold precious; and

WHEREAS, Vietnam War Veterans Day is an opportunity to honor all Vietnam veterans and their families and recognize the contributions they continue to make through their leadership, service, and wisdom.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim March 29, 2024 as **National Vietnam War Veterans Day** in Charles County and encourage all residents to honor, support, and thank our Vietnam Veterans for their service.

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