

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HILDA L. SOLIS

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Proclaiming March 29, 2024 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day

When the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act was signed into law in 2017, every year, March 29 was designated as National Vietnam War Veterans Day. March 29 was selected given March 29, 1973 was the day the United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, was disestablished and was the day the last United States combat troops departed Vietnam.¹

According to the 2022 Census, in LA County, we have 72,742 Vietnam era veterans (1964-1975) that make up 31.6% of the veteran population. The Los Angeles County's (County) Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) have consistently provided support, resources, and services to resolve issues related to accessing state and federal benefits, homelessness, employment, substance use dependencies, and other needs.

The County should continue to maintain the 2008 National Defense Authorization

¹ https://www.vietnamwar50th.com/about/national_vietnam_war_veterans_day/

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Act's Vietnam War's commemoration's five objections, which are:

1. "To thank and honor veterans of the Vietnam War, including personnel who were held as prisoners of war or listed as missing in action, for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the United States and to thank and honor the families of these veterans.
2. To highlight the service of the Armed Forces during the Vietnam War and the contributions of Federal agencies and governmental and non-governmental organizations that served with, or in support of, the Armed Forces.
3. To pay tribute to the contributions made on the home front by the people of the United States during the Vietnam War.
4. To highlight the advances in technology, science, and medicine related to military research conducted during the Vietnam War.
5. To recognize the contributions and sacrifices made by the allies of the United States during the Vietnam War."²

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors proclaim March 29, 2024 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day.

I, FURTHER, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct County Communications to highlight the work of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and other Department's commemoration of the National Vietnam War Veterans Day.

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² https://www.vietnamwar50th.com/assets/1/7/Commemoration_Objectives.pdf