

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DESCHUTES COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION

Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War

WHEREAS: On April 30, 1975, the Vietnam War concluded as the South Vietnamese capital of Saigon fell to North Vietnam; and

WHEREAS: Troops from South Vietnam, the United States and other allies had joined forces to fight against the spread of communism; and

WHEREAS: Every US soldier who made it home from Vietnam was welcomed with relief by their families and loved ones; and

WHEREAS: Many veterans of the Vietnam War suffer from PTSD, and some are reluctant to seek benefits due them; and

WHEREAS: More than 300,000 South Vietnamese soldiers lost their lives in the war, and many refugees who fled the Fall of Saigon resettled in the United States which they gratefully adopted as their second homeland; and

WHEREAS: Oregon Governor Tina Kotek has declared April 30, 2025 to be “50th Vietnamese Americans Remembrance Day”;

NOW THEREFORE: The Board of Commissioners of Deschutes County hereby recognizes April 30, 2025 as the 50th anniversary of the conclusion of the Vietnam War, and encourages all citizens to honor those who gave their lives in service of freedom and democracy and recognize and support those who made it back to America after the war.

Dated this ____ day of _____ 2025 by the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners.

Anthony DeBone, Chair

Patti Adair, Vice Chair

ATTEST:

Phil Chang, Commissioner

Recording Secretary