

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DESCHUTES COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Vietnamese refugees have proudly resided in the State of Oregon since the conclusion of the Vietnam War on April 30, 1975; and

WHEREAS: Vietnamese-Americans have offered their energy and talents to Oregon in a multitude of prominent areas including industry, economy, culture, education, and military service; and

WHEREAS: Vietnamese-Americans in Oregon have made our state their second heart, mind and family homeland; and

WHEREAS: Every year, Vietnamese-Americans observe Remembrance Day on April 30th to solemnly honor the 58,000 American soldiers and more than 300,000 South Vietnamese soldiers who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty for freedom and democracy in South Vietnam from 1955 to 1975;

WHEREAS: Oregon Governor Tina Kotek has declared April 30, 2026 to be “Vietnamese-American Remembrance Day”;

NOW THEREFORE: The Board of Commissioners of Deschutes County hereby recognizes April 30, 2026 as

“Vietnamese-American Remembrance Day”

and encourages all community members to join in this observance.

Dated this ____ day of _____ 2026 by the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners.

Phil Chang, Chair

Anthony DeBone, Vice Chair

ATTEST:

Patti Adair, Commissioner

Recording Secretary