

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS**

**PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, between 1964 and 1975 more than three million Americans left their homes and families and served overseas in a series of battles and conflicts of the Vietnam War, and

WHEREAS, more than 58,000 citizens gave the ultimate sacrifice for our nation, many returning physically and mentally injured, others were held as prisoners of war, and more than 1,600 services members are still missing; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of Michigan citizens answered the call to serve our nation during the Vietnam War. Of those Michiganders who served in Vietnam, approximately 2,600 were Killed in Action, 36 were held as Prisoners of War, and 49 are still unaccounted for; and

WHEREAS, upon the conclusion of their service, Vietnam veterans returned home to a country deeply divided over the war. Their services was not met with gratitude and pride, but with protests and disrespect; and

WHEREAS, as of 2025 of the 7,301,000 Vietnam-era veterans, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs estimates that 201,285 reside in Michigan, ranking 12<sup>th</sup> in the nation; and

WHEREAS, it is our duty to honor the men and women who served in Vietnam who risked their lives and sacrificed years away from their families; and

WHEREAS, on this day, we recall these sacrifices and say to those who served, those who gave their lives, those who were disabled, and those who are still missing in Southeast Asia; thank you for your service, we have not forgotten you, we will not forget you.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Arthur W. Bryant, Mayor of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan do hereby proclaim **March 29, 2026** as

**VIETNAM VETERANS' DAY**

in the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, and encourage all residents to join us in thanking all Vietnam veterans for the service they so selflessly gave.

*Arthur W. Bryant*

Mayor Arthur W. Bryant

March 16, 2026

