



# Vietnamese-American Remembrance Day PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Vietnamese refugees have proudly resided in the United States since the conclusion of the Vietnam War on April 30, 1975, and

**WHEREAS**, Vietnamese-Americans have put forth their full energy building communities where they live into a multitude of prominent areas rich in industry, economy, culture, education, and military service, and

**WHEREAS**, Vietnamese-Americans acknowledge the United States, the State of Oregon, and the City of Hermiston as being their second heart, mind, and family homeland, and

**WHEREAS**, Every year Vietnamese-Americans observe Remembrance Day on April 30<sup>th</sup> to solemnly honor the 58,000 American soldiers, including the 710 soldiers from the State of Oregon, 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.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Dr. Dave Drotzmann, Mayor of Hermiston, Oregon do hereby recognize April 30<sup>th</sup> as

## Vietnamese-American Remembrance Day

and encourage all to join in the reverent recognition of this cultural heritage celebration.

SIGNED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2024

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Dr. David Drotzmann, Mayor