



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF MERCER ISLAND**

**AB 6431
March 19, 2024
Consent Agenda**

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 6431: Vietnam Veterans Day Proclamation	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Approve Proclamation No. 323 Proclaiming March 29, 2024 Vietnam Veterans Day on Mercer Island.	

DEPARTMENT:	City Council
STAFF:	Salim Nice, Mayor Andrea Larson, City Clerk
COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a
EXHIBITS:	1. Proclamation No. 323
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	n/a

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	\$ n/a
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$ n/a
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	\$ n/a

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda bill is to proclaim March 29, 2024 as Vietnam Veterans Day on Mercer Island with Proclamation No. 323 (Exhibit 1).

BACKGROUND

Vietnam Veterans Day commemorates the sacrifices of Vietnam veterans and their families and is part of a national effort to recognize the men and women who were denied a proper welcome upon returning home more than 40 years ago. The [Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act](#), signed into law in 2017, designates March 29 of each year as National Vietnam War Veterans Day. On that day in 1973, the last combat troops were withdrawn from Vietnam and the last prisoners of war held in North Vietnam arrived on American soil.

Over 2.6 million American men and women served in the Vietnam War; 58,318 were killed in action (KIA); 153,372 were wounded in action (WIA); 778 were prisoners of war (POW); and 1,584 are still missing in action (MIA). Eleven of those killed in action were from Mercer Island and gave everything to protect freedom and liberty.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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