



City of Mercer Island, Washington *Proclamation*

WHEREAS, President Obama in 2012 proclaimed March 29 Vietnam Veterans Day as it marked the 50th anniversary of the departure of the last American troops from Vietnam and in 2017 President Trump signed it into law; and

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); and

Eleven of those KIA were from Mercer Island and gave everything to protect our freedom and liberty;

2LT JOHN FRANCIS BERGERSON
SP4 RANSOM CRAIG CYR
PFC MICHAEL DENNIS FROST
SP5 BRADFORD MARK GRAHAM
WO JAMES ARTHUR JOHANSEN
CPL RICHARD OTIS KROGH

SP4 LARRY ARNOLD SIMONSON
LCPL LEONARD PETER SPARKMAN
WO JAMES RICHARD WALDOWSKI
CPL DAVID HOWARD WARNER
CPL DARRYL WHITNEY WRIGHT

We owe a debt of gratitude to the men and women who served in Vietnam, and we recognize the tremendous sacrifices they and their families made on behalf of our country.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Salim Nice, Mayor of Mercer Island, do hereby proclaim March 29, 2024 as

VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

and urge all residents to join the City Council in recognizing and honoring the contributions and sacrifices of our Vietnam veterans and their families. Let us express our deep gratitude and appreciation for their service and sacrifice and never forget their dedication and the bravery they displayed in defending our freedoms and values.

APPROVED, this 19th day of March 2024

Mayor Salim Nice

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