City of St. Helens, Oregon PROCLAMATION

By Mayor Rick Scholl

Vietnamese American Heritage and Freedom Flag

WHEREAS, Vietnamese refugees have proudly resided in the state of Oregon and surrounding communities since the conclusion of the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, Vietnamese Americans have put forth their full toiling energy building the state of Oregon in a multitude of prominent areas including industry, economy, culture, education, and military service; and

WHEREAS, Vietnamese Americans have counted on the state of Oregon as being their second heart, mind, and family homeland; and

WHEREAS, Vietnamese Americans have embraced Vietnamese customs and traditions that have continually been practiced through generations; and

WHEREAS, a large number of Oregon's Vietnamese Americans respectfully embrace the yellow and three red striped Heritage and Freedom flag as a symbol of Vietnamese American community; and

WHEREAS, it is the will and desire from the Vietnamese Community of Oregon and its community members, that the Vietnamese American Heritage and Freedom Flag be recognized as the official flag of their organization.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scholl, Mayor of the City of St. Helens, do hereby recognize the Vietnamese American Heritage and Freedom Flag as the official flag of Vietnamese Americans living in the state of Oregon and resolutely encourage all to join in the reverent recognition of this cultural flag.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of St. Helens to be affixed at St. Helens City Hall on this 4th day of October 2023.

Place	
Gold	Rick Scholl, Mayor
Seal &	
Stamp	
Here	ATTEST:
	Kathy Payne, City Recorder