



**CITY OF SWEENEY
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

On March 29, 2012, President Barack Obama proclaimed this day as Vietnam Veterans Day to commemorate the 50-year anniversary of the Vietnam War. On March 28, 2017, President Donald Trump signed the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017 which officially recognizes March 29 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day.

Texas has always been willing to answer the call of Armed Forces to fight for the freedoms that our country stands for; the Vietnam War was no exception. In a time of social and political unrest, the members of our armed forces took on the task and gave themselves to the duty at hand. For this, we owe Vietnam veterans the utmost respect and should recognize the courage of our service members.

Many residents of our great city served during Vietnam and there were some that paid the ultimate price. Marine Lance Corporal Rockne Lamar Hardwick and Marine Private First-Class Frank Levi Swinford, III are memorialized for their sacrifice at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

At this time, I encourage my fellow citizens to learn more about the sacrifices and struggles of our Vietnam veterans and honor what they have done for us.

Therefore, I, Dusty Hopkins, Mayor of Sweeny, do hereby proclaim March 29th, 2024, to be

National Vietnam War Veterans Day

in Sweeny and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 20th day of February, 2024.

Mayor Dusty Hopkins