

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE GOVERNOR
PROCLAIMING MARCH 29, 2024, IN RECOGNITION OF VIETNAM VETERANS DAY AND
MARCH 2024 AS VIETNAM VETERANS MONTH**

WHEREAS, this month, our island of Guam joins in the national recognition of our Vietnam Veterans to highlight their ultimate sacrifices in our Nation's journey toward peace;

WHEREAS, on March 29, 1973, the last American troops were withdrawn from South Vietnam, ending one of the longest and most atrocious wars in our Nation's history;

WHEREAS, more than 58,000 Americans paid the ultimate sacrifice in this war, and among them were 77 sons of Guam. Today, we continue to pay tribute to these brave and heroic men who served with courage, honor, and valor;

WHEREAS, more than two million Americans answered the call of duty during the Vietnam conflict and served with great distinction. Many of our heroes returned home and were not afforded the due respect and gratitude they earned securing peace on the battlefield;

WHEREAS, today, we reaffirm our dedication to ensuring the vital contributions of Vietnam Veterans do not go unnoticed and the recognition and support of a grateful island and Nation continues to be given unabated;

WHEREAS, we pay tribute to those killed in the conflict and memorialize the ultimate sacrifice they paid to defend the freedom and dignity of all peoples of the world; and

WHEREAS, as we celebrate Vietnam Veterans Day and Vietnam Veterans Month, we are deeply indebted to our veterans and their families who shared in their sacrifice. Our Vietnam Veterans have earned our everlasting gratitude, and we commend them for their legacy of distinguished bravery and heroism.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO, *Maga'hågan Guåhan*, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do hereby proclaim March 29, 2024, in recognition of Vietnam Veterans Day and March 2024 as Vietnam Veterans Month, and do further reaffirm our steadfast support and commitment to all Vietnam War Veterans and their families.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, JOSHUA F. TENORIO, *Segundo Maga'låhen Guåhan*, Lieutenant Governor of Guam, hereby, together with the *Maga'håga*, cause the Great Seal of Guam to be affixed in the Capital City of *Hagåtña*, on this day of **First** day of **March** in the Year of our Lord, *Anno Domini*, **Two Thousand and Twenty-Four**.