

COUNTY OF HAWAI'I

Proclamation

WHEREAS, in 2012, President Barack Obama signed a presidential proclamation, designating March 29th as the annual observance of Vietnam War Veterans Day and, on this day, Americans come together to commemorate the service and sacrifices made by the nearly 3 million service members who served in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS the Vietnam War is a story of service members from every corner of our nation who left the warmth of family to serve the country they loved; a story of patriots who braved the line of fire, who cast themselves into harm's way, and who fought hour after hour, day after day to preserve the liberties we hold dear; and

WHEREAS the proclamation states: "all were called to serve, none could self-determine where they were stationed, and all were seen in the same way by a country that could not separate the war from the warrior"; and

WHEREAS the proclamation continues: "In one of the war's most profound tragedies, many of these men and women came home to be shunned or neglected - to face treatment unbefitting their courage and a welcome unworthy of their example. We must never let this happen again."; and

WHEREAS our nation owes a great debt to those men, women, and family members who sacrificed so much for our nation's freedom; and

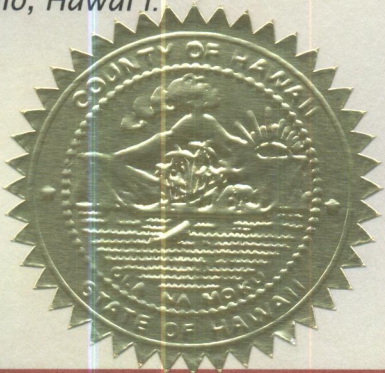
WHEREAS we recognize the efforts of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Hawai'i Loa Chapter, and VFW Post 3830 in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of National Vietnam War Veterans Day, A sunset service to be held at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Hilo, Hawai'i, at 6 pm on March 29th.

NOW THEREFORE I, MITCHELL D. ROTH, Mayor of the County of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim **March 29, 2022**, as

HAWAI'I COUNTY VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

in the County of Hawai'i and encourage our citizens to recognize and thank our Vietnam Veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice during one of America's longest wars.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused The Seal of the County of Hawai'i to be affixed. Done this 29th day of March 2022, in Hilo, Hawai'i.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mitchell D. Roth".

MITCHELL D. ROTH
Mayor