

City of Poulsbo

Office of Mayor Rebecca Erickson



PROCLAMATION

As Part of the 13-year Nationwide Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War.

WHEREAS, the Vietnam War was fought in Vietnam from 1961 to 1975, involving North Vietnam and the Viet Cong in conflict with United States Armed Forces and South Vietnam, with President Gerald Ford proclaiming the end of the war on May 7, 1975; and

WHEREAS, the Vietnam War was an extremely divisive issue among the people of the United States and that members of the United States Armed Forces who served bravely and faithfully were, upon their return home, caught in the middle of a public debate about involvement of the United States in the Vietnam War, with many returning veterans denied a proper welcome home; and

WHEREAS, there were 1,124 members of the United States Armed Forces from Washington State killed or declared missing in action in Vietnam, with hundreds of Washington service members wounded, including servicemembers from Kitsap County and Poulsbo; and

WHEREAS, more than 205,000 Vietnam-era veterans live in Washington State, including those residing within the City of Poulsbo, and our Nation stands stronger today for their service; and

WHEREAS, the people of the City of Poulsbo realize that one of our most fundamental obligations is to show respect and dignity to all who have worn the uniform of the United States, and that it is never too late to honor their sacrifice, valor, and service; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States, the Washington State Legislature, President Barack Obama, President Donald Trump, and Governor Jay Inslee have all made official proclamations commemorating the anniversary of the Vietnam War and welcoming home the veterans of that conflict;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rebecca Erickson, Mayor of the City of Poulsbo, Washington, hereby proclaim **May 7, 2017**, as

WELCOME-HOME DAY FOR POULSBO'S VIETNAM VETERANS

And encourages veterans, veteran's organizations, and all citizens of the city to join in this observance to honor those Vietnam War veterans and their families with gratitude, sincere thanks, and appreciation for their service of duty during the Vietnam War.

Signed this 17th Day of April, 2017.


Rebecca Erickson, Mayor