

WHEREAS, the last troops came home from Vietnam nearly 45 years ago with over 2.9 million Americans who actively served throughout the Vietnam War. The nearly two-decades long conflict claimed over 58,000 American lives and left over 300,000 with visible and non-visible wounds, and as a result of these wounds became severely disabled; and

WHEREAS, the Second Annual Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Event will be celebrated on **Saturday, May 11, 2019 at Chukchansi Park** in Downtown Fresno to once again honor and celebrate the sacrifice these veterans made to our country. The Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans committee has again partnered with AMVETS, the Fresno Grizzlies and local businesses and residents as they present this year's theme of **"Honoring. Healing. Educating."** to our beloved Valley Vietnam Veterans before enjoying a Fresno Grizzlies baseball game; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Fresno 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 honor their sacrifice by serving them as well as they served us; and

WHEREAS, while the country is deeply indebted to those who made the sacrifice during this drawn out conflict, many of our citizens today are taking the steps to express their appreciation and gratitude. The Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Event not only gives our citizens a chance to honor these heroes but stand proud with our veterans, their families and the brave men and women who selflessly answered our nation's call.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, Mayor Lee Brand, the Fresno City Councilmembers, and our community express our gratitude and appreciation to the veterans of the Vietnam War and all who served and continue to serve our great country;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we, Mayor Lee Brand and the Fresno City Councilmembers, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 2, 2019 to be:

"Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day"

in the City of Fresno.