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THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

Vietnam War Veterans Day

March 29, 2024

- WHEREAS,** Over 8.7 million Americans served in the Armed Forces during the Vietnam era from 1964 to 1973 and represent a generation who exemplified the very meaning of courage, bravery, honor, and sacrifice; and
- WHEREAS,** more than 3.4 million were deployed to Southeast Asia and approximately 2.7 million of those serviced in the Republic of Vietnam; and
- WHEREAS,** on March 29, 1973, the last American troops were withdrawn from the battlefields of South Vietnam, thus ending one of the longest conflicts in our nation's history; and
- WHEREAS,** of the more than 58,000 U.S. service members who made the ultimate sacrifice in combat or remain missing to this day, nearly 3,000 were from Illinois; and
- WHEREAS,** the Illinois Vietnam Veterans Memorial, located in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, Illinois was dedicated in May 1988 and lists the names of Illinoisans who died or are still missing; and
- WHEREAS,** approximately 7 million U.S. veterans who served on active duty during the period of the Vietnam War are currently living in America and abroad; and
- WHEREAS,** the service and sacrifice of all veterans who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces at any time from November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of location, including personnel who were held as prisoners of war, or listed as missing in action, and their families should be acknowledged.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lora Vitek, Mayor of the City of St. Charles, Illinois, do hereby proclaim March 29, 2024, as Vietnam War Veterans Day and I encourage all citizens to participate in associated events that honor Vietnam Veterans on this day.



Lora A. Vitek, Mayor