



**WHEREAS**, the Vietnam War was one of the most brutal wars. Over three million people were killed during the 20 years it went on, and National Vietnam War Veterans Day was created to honor all the men and women who fought and served during its time; and

**WHEREAS**, the Vietnam War had a long history. It was one of the longest wars involving America, as it started in 1955 and went on until 1975; and

**WHEREAS**, understanding that it wasn't the soldiers' choice to go to war, U.S. Senators Pat Toomey, R-Pa., and Joe Donnelly, D-Ind., introduced the legislation proposing the anniversary of the withdrawal of military units from South Vietnam as the date; and

**WHEREAS**, National Vietnam War Veterans Day is acknowledged on March 29 every year, honoring anyone who served during its 20-year timespan, and the day was founded in 2017 to finally offer respect to everyone involved; since respect and combat support weren't immediately given to those who served after the war ended due to the number of deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, we honor those who fought, in all branches of the Armed Forces, and the support organizations during the war; the wartime contributions at home; the advancements in technology, science, and medicine; and the contributions by American allies.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Mayor and Council of the City of Rockville, Maryland, do hereby proclaim **March 29, 2026**, as **Vietnam War Veterans Day** in the City, and encourage all community members to honor all war veterans and to thank them for their service.



  
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**March 2, 2026**