



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

## **RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH 30, 2015 AS WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS' DAY IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

***WHEREAS**, members of the Armed Forces of the United States of America, stationed in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War, served our nation under the most trying conditions at a time when the nation was divided in its support of their efforts; and*

***WHEREAS**, more than 300,000 U.S. service members were wounded, approximately 75,000 were severely disabled and of the 58,220 killed, 5,575 were from the state of California (largest fatality loss in U.S.); and*

***WHEREAS**, since their return, these veterans have contributed tremendously to their cities, communities, counties, states and nation, in an effort to advance the American dreams, ideas, freedoms and aims for which they fought; and*

***WHEREAS**, the citizens of Santa Barbara County must never forget the pain and suffering that lingers today for the men and women who fought with honor and distinction, in the name of freedom and democracy for all; and*

***WHEREAS**, the members of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #982 of Guadalupe, California, are holding a "Welcome Home" celebration to honor Vietnam vets for their service on March 28, 2015; and*

***WHEREAS**, this day of appreciation, like the Vietnam Veterans' Memorials in Washington and Sacramento, is a tribute to the sacrifices of all the allied veterans who served in the war, as it is a time for us to reflect on the past, and March 30, 2015 represents our continued dedication to honoring and supporting our veterans as we offer them all a heartfelt "welcome home".*

***NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED**, that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors proclaims March 30, 2015 as **Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans' Day** and encourage all residents to take a moment this day to remember the brave and selfless actions of these courageous individuals who answered the call to duty and served our nation.*

***PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 2015, by unanimous vote of all members present.*



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