

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the Vietnam War is a story of service members of different backgrounds, colors, and creeds who came together to complete a daunting mission. It is a story of Americans from every corner of our Nation who left the warmth of family to serve the country they loved. It is a story of patriots who braved the line of fire, who cast themselves into harm's way to save a friend, who fought hour after hour, day after day to preserve the liberties we hold dear; and

**WHEREAS**, eleven years of combat left their imprint on a generation. Thousands returned home bearing shrapnel and scars; still more were burdened by the invisible wounds of post-traumatic stress, Agent Orange, and memories that would never fade. More than 58,000 laid down their lives in service to our Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, our veterans answered our country's call and served with honor, and on March 29, 1973, the last of our troops left Vietnam. Yet, in one of the war's most profound tragedies, many of these men and women came home to face treatment unbecoming their courage and a welcome unworthy of their example. We must never let this happen again; and

**WHEREAS**, our Nation stands stronger for their service, and we honor their proud legacy with our deepest gratitude (*Presidential Proclamation March 29, 2012*);

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ed Kelley, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, do hereby proclaim April 6, 2016, as a day to celebrate our

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in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to support the observance of this special day as a patriotic and heartfelt remembrance of all those who served and died for our country during the Vietnam War.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Sixteen.



*Ed Kelley*  
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**ED KELLEY**  
Mayor