

CITY OF DEL CITY



STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Vietnam War was fought in Vietnam from 1959 to 1975, and America's involvement in Vietnam had become the longest war in our Nation's history; and

WHEREAS, in 1965, U.S. combat troops composed mainly of volunteers arrived in Vietnam. By 1969, a peak of about 543,000 troops was reached; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 1973, the Treaty of Paris was signed, declaring the release of all American prisoners of war from North Vietnam and the withdrawal of all U.S. forces from South Vietnam. On March 29, 1973, the last U.S. troops left Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, the Vietnam War was unpopular, and the men and women who survived and the more than 58,000 brave souls who fought and died were unjustly denied the proper respect and gratitude they deserved for serving their country; and

WHEREAS, our citizens have the utmost respect for the soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines who answered the call to honorably defend our Nation and its principles of freedom and democracy, and we have an obligation to recognize the service of our **Vietnam Veterans** – those who went to war and returned safely, those who returned home scarred of body and mind, and those who were killed or are still missing; and

WHEREAS, we will never forget those soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines who fought in Vietnam, and we pay tribute to them for their valiant efforts, reflective of the strength and character they demonstrate today, and we welcome the opportunity to acknowledge and thank them for their defense of global freedom and democracy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Floyd A. Eason, Mayor of the City of Del City, do hereby proclaim March 29, 2021 as

Vietnam Veterans Day

And we join the entire Nation in recognizing and thanking this Nation's **Vietnam Veterans**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Floyd A. Eason, mayor of the City of Del City, have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Del City to be affixed this 29th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "F. A. Eason", is written over a dotted line.

Floyd A. Eason, Mayor