

WHEREAS America is a symbol of freedom and has achieved its stature in the world because of the selfless service of our brave veterans; and,

WHEREAS from those who initially fought in the Revolutionary War to those that serve today, the fearless members of our country's armed forces have given up the comforts of home, the company of loved ones and, for some, have paid the ultimate sacrifice so that we could live free in our land of liberty; and,

WHEREAS from the 1950's through the 1970's millions of Americans served in support of the U.S military operations in Vietnam with more than 58,000 giving their lives and more than 300,000 wounded during their service; and

WHEREAS our Vietnam veterans fought for our freedoms, kept America safe and dedicated their lives to this nation; and,

WHEREAS we are forever thankful for their unwavering strength and courage while fighting in the Vietnam War; and,

WHEREAS on March 29th of this year we joined together to express our gratitude, remember their service and said "welcome home" to these brave men and women, we honored the immeasurable sacrifices and contributions our Vietnam War veterans have made to protect the life, liberty and happiness of every American; and,

WHEREAS the people of the United States shall always remember the heroism and courage of those who have served and those who continue to serve, thanks to the enduring valor our Vietnam veterans have demonstrated since their day of return.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael D. Quill, Mayor of the City of Auburn, on behalf of members of the City Council and the people of Auburn, do hereby proclaim March 29, 2022 as

"Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day,"

in the City of Auburn, New York and ask all to join me in taking this day to give our thanks and appreciation to our Vietnam veterans.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Auburn to be affixed this Twenty-Fourth day of March 2022.

Michael D. Quill, Mayor City of Auburn, New York