

PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 11, 2025, AS VETERANS DAY AND THE CONCLUSION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION OF THE VIETNAM WAR IN THE CITY OF HERCULES

WHEREAS, on Veterans Day, we honor all those who bravely served and defended our Constitution as members of the United States Armed Forces, and in service to this cause, uphold our fundamental duty to publicly renew our gratitude with the support and respect they are rightfully owed; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the contributions our veterans and their families, caregivers, and survivors have made to the cause of peace and freedom around the world, fighting for our democracy and for giving back to our communities and inspiring the next generation to serve; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, President Barack Obama proclaimed the period from May 28, 2012, through November 11, 2025, as the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War, to those who answered our country's call in Vietnam and those who awaited their safe return, a chapter in our Nation's history that must never be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, in solemn remembrance, we honor the more than 58,000 Americans that sacrificed their lives, the brave patriots who suffered unspeakably as prisoners of war, the many thousands that returned home wounded, and the more than 1,600 service members determined to be missing; and in one of the war's most profound tragedies, remember the men and women that returned home to a deeply divided society and tragically were shunned or neglected, and did not receive the support and gratitude they deserved, faced treatment unbecoming of their courage; and

WHEREAS, with deep pride, the City of Hercules honor and give thanks to America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. And as the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War ends, offer our profound gratitude to our Vietnam veterans and their families and caretakers and express our compassion for the families of the fallen, those who remain missing and unaccounted for, and all others who served yet no longer walk among us.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Dion Bailey, Mayor of the City of Hercules, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby declare November 11, 2025 as Veterans Day and call upon the citizens of Hercules to rededicate ourselves to the task of promoting an enduring peace so that their efforts shall not have been in vain.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Hercules to be affixed this 12th day of November 2025.

Dion Bailey, Mayor