

City of Perris Proclamation

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2009 Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed into law California Assembly Bill 717 establishing every March 30th as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day"; and

WHEREAS, this was a highly politicized war that still evokes strong feelings among veterans and people who disagreed with US policies at the time, but it is important that we set aside these differences to honor and thank the men and women who fought to preserve the freedoms that we have today; and

WHEREAS, 58,000 Americans, 5822 Californians and seventy five citizens of Riverside County gave their lives; 1720 are still missing in action and thousands more were physically and emotionally wounded; and

WHEREAS, despite their heroic achievements, their honorable and faithful service, despite the wounds and the horrors they saw many Vietnam Veterans were scorned, and then forgotten by many of the countrymen they fought to protect; and

WHEREAS, as California will be the first state to recognize this injustice by establishing a "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Perris, California hereby join with the people of the great State of California and commemorate March 30, 2010 as the first.

WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this day of March 30, 2010.

Daryl R. Busch
Mayor

