

GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 9257-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE DESIGNATING OCTOBER 26 OF EACH YEAR AS REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM DAY TO HONOR THE JUST CAUSE AND COMMEMORATE THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND SACRIFICES OF THE ARMY, PEOPLE, ELECTED AND GOVERNMENTAL OFFICIALS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AS WELL AS AMERICAN SOLDIERS, VIETNAM WAR VETERANS, ALLIED ARMIES AND THEIR FAMILIES

WHEREAS, the Vietnamese American community of Garden Grove was originally a community of Vietnamese refugees consisting of the citizens of all backgrounds from the Republic of Vietnam fleeing their country after the Vietnam War, which was launched by the Vietnamese Communists from 1955 to 1975 and ended on April 30, 1975, in order to protect their lives and cultural heritage from being damaged or possibly destroyed;

WHEREAS, during the Vietnam War the Government of the Republic of Vietnam and its armed forces, people, elected, and governmental officials struggled continuously and bravely to defend and protect the freedom, lives, and property of the people, to safeguard the Republic and the new born democratic government created after the reestablishment of independence from French colonial rule;

WHEREAS, during the Vietnam War against the invasion of the Vietnamese Communists, the United States and its allied armies from Australia, South Korea, Thailand, New Zealand, and Philippines also made enormous contributions and sacrifices in protecting freedom, democracy, lives, and property of the Vietnamese people and the Republic of Vietnam;

WHEREAS, the Vietnamese American community with a population of nearly two million, consisting of many industrious and talented members, after four decades of integration has matured with numerous successes in all fields from culture to education, business and politics, science and technology, electronics and internet, trading and financing, court and military, and has contributed a significant effort to the maintaining of the development, and protecting the fabric of the American society at the local, state and federal government levels;

WHEREAS, the just cause of the struggle to defend and protect freedom, democracy, lives and property of the people and the Republic of Vietnam, and the enormous sacrifices and contributions of the army, people, elected and governmental officials and their families have been ignored or forgotten after the end of the Vietnam War in April 1975; and

WHEREAS, even in the United States, the sacrifices of more than 58,000 American soldiers and the contributions of about three million former servicemen and servicewomen as well as their families during the Vietnam War have not been recognized and honored properly.

NOW, THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

The City Council of the City of Garden Grove designates the date of October 26 of each year, as the Republic of Vietnam Day to honor the just cause of the Republic of Vietnam, and to commemorate the contributions and sacrifices of the army, people, elected and governmental officials of the Republic of Vietnam as well as American soldiers, Vietnam War Veterans, allied armies, and their families.

Adopted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 2014.

ATTEST:

/s/ BRUCE A. BROADWATER  
MAYOR

/s/ KATHLEEN BAILOR, CMC  
CITY CLERK

STATE OF CALIFORNIA    )  
COUNTY OF ORANGE    ) SS:  
CITY OF GARDEN GROVE )

I, KATHLEEN BAILOR, City Clerk of the City of Garden Grove, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Garden Grove, California, at a meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 2014, by the following vote:

AYES:    COUNCIL MEMBERS:   (5) BEARD, JONES, NGUYEN, PHAN, BROADWATER  
NOES:    COUNCIL MEMBERS:   (0) NONE  
ABSENT:  COUNCIL MEMBERS:   (0) NONE

/s/ KATHLEEN BAILOR, CMC  
CITY CLERK