

# Proclamation

## Mayor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Senate declared March 30th as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" to honor these Veterans for their service and give them the recognition they have earned and deserve; and

**WHEREAS**, the Vietnam War, also known as the Second Indochina War, was predominantly fought in Vietnam from 1959-1973, involving the North Vietnamese and National Liberation Front (Viet Cong) in conflict with United States forces, the South Vietnamese Army and allies from many other nations; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1965, U.S. combat troops composed primarily of volunteers arrived in Vietnam and by 1969 reached a peak of approximately 543,000 troops including significant numbers of draftees; and

**WHEREAS**, the American military fought with courage, honor and valor, often without due appreciation from fellow Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 58,000 individuals made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam and many thousands more were wounded in combat; and

**WHEREAS**, 2,086 Americans are still missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War, and their families, friends, and fellow veterans still endure uncertainty concerning their fate; and

**WHEREAS**, the last U.S. service members departed Vietnam 36 years ago on April 30, 1975; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Auburn has from among its sons and daughters those who were deployed to Vietnam at great personal sacrifice on behalf of our nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington hereby proclaims the month of April 2011, the 36th Anniversary of the end of the American involvement in the Vietnam War, as

### **WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS MONTH**

and invites all citizens to acknowledge and thank Vietnam Veterans, both at home and abroad, for their vast sacrifices and contributions to the nation and community.

PROCLAIMED this 4th day of April, 2011



Peter B. Lewis, Mayor

