



WHEREAS, more than 3.4 million American men and women served in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War, which was one of our nation's longest and most challenging wars; and

WHEREAS, they braved the line of fire, cast themselves into harm's way to protect friends, and fought day after day to protect the liberties we hold so dear; and

WHEREAS, thousands returned with physical and emotional scars, and more than 58,000, including 46 from Volusia County, laid down their lives in service to their country; and

WHEREAS, in one of the war's most profound tragedies, many returning war heroes came home to be shunned or neglected; and

WHEREAS, today, we reaffirm our obligations to show all veterans the respect and dignity they deserve and to honor their sacrifices by serving them as well as they served us;
NOW THEREFORE,

WE, THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, do hereby proclaim March 30, 2018, as:

"VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY"

in Volusia County and commend members of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3282 and Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1048 for their ongoing support of veterans.

Dated this 30th day of March, A.D. 2018