PROCLAMATION

West Linn, Oregon

WHEREAS, Vietnamese refugees have proudly resided in the City of West Linn, throughout the State of Oregon since the conclusion of the Vietnam War on April 30*, 1975; and

WHEREAS, Vietnamese Americans have put forth their full toiling energy building the City of West Linn, throughout the State of Oregon in a multitude of prominent areas including industry, economy, culture, education, and military service; and

WHEREAS, Vietnamese Americans have counted on the State of Oregon, USA as being their second heart, mind, and family homeland; and

WHEREAS, Vietnamese Americans have embraced Vietnamese customs and traditions that have continually practiced through generations; and

WHEREAS, a large number of the Oregon's Vietnamese Americans respectfully embraces the yellow and three red striped Heritage and Freedom flag as a symbol of Vietnamese American community; and

WHEREAS, it is the ultimate will and honorable desire from the Vietnamese Community Of Oregon and its community members, that the Vietnamese American Heritage and Freedom Flag be recognized as the official flag of their organization in the City of West Linn and throughout the State of Oregon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST LINN, THAT WE do hereby recognize the Vietnamese American Heritage and Freedom Flag as the official flag of Vietnamese Americans in the city of West Linn.

Be it involved, that this flag may be displayed on City property at any city controlled or sponsored Vietnamese American events or any public functions organized by the Vietnamese American community when appropriate, subject to the City permit requirements.

We invite all to join in the reverent recognition of this cultural Vietnamese Heritage and Freedom Flag.

DATED THIS 10TH DAY OF JULY, 2023

RORY BIALOSTOSKY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

KATHY MOLLUSKY, CITY RECORDER