

CITY OF SPOKANE



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, after the fall of Saigon in 1975, thousands of Vietnamese refugees fled their country in fear of the Vietnamese government campaign of retribution and political and religious persecution; and

WHEREAS, many of these Vietnamese refugees are now Vietnamese-Americans who have chosen to make Spokane as their home and as a result, contribute to the economic and cultural diversity of our community; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of Spokane's Vietnamese-Americans remember their heritage by celebrating the history, culture, and the Founding Fathers of Vietnam on the tenth day of the third month of the Lunar Calendar and by embracing the yellow flag with three red stripes, also known as the Vietnamese Heritage and Freedom Flag, as the symbol of the Vietnamese-American community:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the citizens of Spokane, do hereby proclaim April 10, 2022 as

VIETNAMESE HERITAGE DAY

in Spokane and encourage all citizens to celebrate the cultural diversity of the Vietnamese-Americans heritage and recognize that the Vietnamese Heritage and Freedom Flag also honors the contributions and sacrifices of the thousands of Veterans of the Vietnam War.

I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of Spokane,
do hereunto set my hand and
cause the seal of the City of Spokane
to be affixed this
3rd day of March 2022.

Nadine Woodward
Mayor

