

CITY OF SPOKANE



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, after the fall of Saigon in 1975, 50 years ago, 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 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, Lisa Brown, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the people of Spokane, do hereby proclaim April 7, 2025 as

VIETNAMESE HERITAGE DAY

in Spokane and encourage all residents to celebrate the cultural diversity of Vietnamese American 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, Lisa Brown, Mayor of Spokane,
do hereunto set my hand and
cause the seal of the City of Spokane
to be affixed this
1st day of April 2025.

Lisa Brown

Lisa Brown
Mayor

