CITY OF SPOKANE

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Vietnam War was fought in Vietnam from 1961 to 1975, and involved Noth Vietnam and the Viet Cong in conflict with the United States Armed Forces and South Vietnam; and on March 30, 1973 the United States Armed Forces completed the withdrawal of combat troops from Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, the Vietnam War was an extremely divisive issue among the people of the United States and the members of the United States Armed Forces who served bravely and faithfully were, upon their return home, caught in the middle of public debate about the involvement of the United States in the Vietnam War; and approximately 300 members of the United States Armed Forces from the City of Spokane were killed or declared missing in action in Vietnam, and hundreds more were wounded; and

WHEREAS, more than 25,000 Vietnam-era veterans live in the City of Spokane and our Nation stands stronger for their service, and the people of the City of Spokane realize that one of our most fundamental obligations is to show respect and dignity to all who have worn the uniform of the United States, and to honor their sacrifice by serving them as well as they served us:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the people of Spokane, do hereby proclaim March 29, 2025 as

VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY

in Spokane to honor those who served their country faithfully and courageously during the Vietnam conflict.

I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of Spokane, do hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Spokane to be affixed this 24th day of March 2025.

Lisa Brown

Mayor

