

WHEREAS, the State of California has declared that “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day” should be observed annually on March 30; and

WHEREAS, the Vietnam War was fought in Vietnam from 1961 to 1975, and involved North Vietnam and Viet Cong in conflict with the United States and South Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, In 1965, there were 80,000 United States troops in Vietnam, and by 1969 a peak of approximately 543,000 troops was reached; and

WHEREAS, On January 27, 1973, the Treaty of Paris was signed, which required the release of all United States prisoners of war held in North Vietnam and the withdrawal of all United States Armed Forces from South Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, On March 30, 1973, the United States Armed Forces completed the withdrawal of combat troops from Vietnam. More than 58,000 members of the United States Armed Forces lost their lives in Vietnam and more than 300,000 were wounded; and

WHEREAS, In 1982, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated in the District of Columbia to commemorate those members of the United States Armed Forces who died or were declared missing in action in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, On Veterans Day 1996, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund unveiled a half-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. known as “the Wall that Heals.” The replica travels to communities throughout the United States bringing peace and comfort in familiar surroundings; and

WHEREAS, The City of Brea recognizes the men and women of the Armed Forces as represented by the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Vietnam Veterans of America.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRETT MURDOCK, Mayor of City of Brea and on behalf of the Brea City Council do hereby recognize March 30, 2014 as **Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day** and express the sincere gratitude of the Brea Community for your dedicated service to America.

DATED: March 18, 2014

Brett Murdock, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cheryl Balz, City Clerk