## City of Vancouver, Washington Proclamation

- WHEREAS, Vietnamese refugees have proudly resided in the City of Vancouver since the conclusion of the Vietnam War on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 1975; and
- WHEREAS, Vietnamese Americans have put forth their full toiling energy building the City of Vancouver in a multitude of prominent areas including industry, economy, culture, education, and military service; and
- WHEREAS, Vietnamese Americans have counted on the USA as being their second heart, mind, and family homeland; and
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- WHEREAS, Every year Vietnamese Americans observe Remembrance Day on April 30th to solemnly honor the 58,000 American soldiers, and more than 300,000 South Vietnamese soldiers who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty for freedom and democracy in South Vietnam from 1955 to 1975.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor of Vancouver, Washington, do hereby proclaim 30th in April as:

## "Vietnamese American Remembrance Day"

in the City of Vancouver and call upon the people of Vancouver to honor this cultural heritage celebration.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Vancouver to be affixed this 27th day of April 2024.

ANNE McENERNY-OGIE, MAYOR