

***PROCLAMATION  
WELCOME HOME  
VIETNAM VETERANS DAY***

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Orland Park is proud to partner with the Department of Defense in the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration of the Vietnam War which runs from 2015 through 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 3 million men and women served in Vietnam during the Vietnam War; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 58,000 individuals serving in the United States military lost their lives in Vietnam and more than 300,000 members of the U.S. Armed Forces were wounded; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1995, Ara Pace, Place of Peace was dedicated in the Village of Orland Park to commemorate the memory of the veterans who fought for our country; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 30, 2009, The Congress of the United States proclaimed a 'Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day' and encouraged the people of the United States to observe this day to recognize veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces in Vietnam and the importance of helping such veterans readjust to civilian life; and

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of a 'Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans' Day' is an appropriate way to express appreciation to and honor those members of the United States Armed Forces, as well as other service organizations who served our military during the Vietnam War.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Daniel J. McLaughlin**, Mayor, Village of Orland Park, do hereby proclaim March 30, 2016 as Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day in the Village of Orland Park

**DATED** this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2016.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Daniel J. McLaughlin, Mayor