



Staff Report

For City Council Meeting - 8/2/2023

Subject - New Business - Vietnamese American Heritage and Freedom Flag Proclamation

Synopsis: The City was contacted by Thao Tu, the President of the Vietnamese Community of Oregon with a suggestion of proclamation for the Vietnamese Heritage and Freedom Flag in hope that [you] will formally recognize it. The proclamation is attached.

Recommendation: Staff recommends the Council motion to proclaim the Vietnamese American Heritage and Freedom Flag as the official flag of Vietnamese Americans and show the City's support.

Legal Analysis: N/A

Financial Analysis: N/A

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be the name "Chad", is written above the printed name.

Chad



VIETNAMESE AMERICAN HERITAGE AND FREEDOM FLAG PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Vietnamese refugees have proudly resided in the City of Gearhart since the conclusion of the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, Vietnamese Americans have put forth their full toiling energy building the City of Gearhart in a multitude of prominent areas including industry, economy, culture, education, and military service; and

WHEREAS, Vietnamese Americans have counted on the State of Oregon, USA as being their second heart, mind, and family homeland; and

WHEREAS, Vietnamese Americans have embraced Vietnamese customs and traditions that have continually practiced through generations; and

WHEREAS, a large number of the Oregon's Vietnamese Americans respectfully embraces the yellow and three red striped Heritage and Freedom flag as a symbol of Vietnamese American community; and

WHEREAS, it is the will and desire from the Vietnamese Community Of Oregon and its community members, that the Vietnamese American Heritage and Freedom Flag be recognized as the official flag of their organization in the City of Gearhart.

NOW THEREFORE, I, the Mayor of Gearhart, do hereby recognize the Vietnamese American Heritage and Freedom Flag as the official flag of Vietnamese Americans in the City of Gearhart.

I resolutely encourage all to join in the reverent recognition of this cultural Vietnamese Heritage and Freedom Flag.

Mayor Smith

ATTEST:

City Administrator, Chad Sweet