

RESOLUTION
From the City of Garden Grove
Commemorating the

40th Anniversary of the Fall of Saigon and End of the Vietnam War

- WHEREAS,** April 30, 2015 marks the 40th year since the fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975, when the capital city of South Vietnam fell to communism; and
- WHEREAS,** For many Vietnam and Vietnam-era veterans who were directly involved in the war and Vietnamese Americans who have settled in the United States, the Vietnam War was a tragedy full of great suffering and the loss of American, Vietnamese, and Southeast Asian lives; and
- WHEREAS,** After the fall of Saigon, millions of Vietnamese and their families fled Vietnam to surrounding areas and the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** Seeking escape from the atrocities of their country, many brave Vietnamese lost their lives to the dangers of the sea and unseaworthy vessels; and
- WHEREAS,** Those who came to the United States began a new life, and fruitfully contributed to a society that embraced the freedoms of its citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** Many chose to take root in Orange County, particularly in Garden Grove. Over the years, the Vietnamese-American community has thrived and invigorated our city with the unique richness of their cultural, artistic, educational, and business influence; and
- WHEREAS,** The Vietnamese-American community continues to be a strong, positive, and exemplary influence in America, and is representative of the vibrant diversity that proudly exists in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Garden Grove does hereby respectfully pay honor to the 40th Anniversary of the fall of Saigon and the end of the Vietnam War, with the deepest admiration and gratitude fitting the sacrifices, contributions, and accomplishments made by Vietnamese-Americans.

April 28, 2015

(Mayor and City Council signatures)