

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration gives us the opportunity for all Americans to recognize, honor and thank our Vietnam Veterans and their families for their service and sacrifices during the Vietnam War from November 1, 1955 - May 15, 1975; and

WHEREAS, more than 9,000 organizations across America have joined with the Department of Defense as Commemorative Partners to honor our Nation's Vietnam Veterans, including the Jacob Bennett Chapter of the New Mexico State Organization National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, this commemoration includes the 9 million Americans, approximately 7 million living today, who served in the United States Armed Forces during this period, and makes no distinction between those who served in-country, in-theater, or were stationed elsewhere during those 20 years because all of them answered the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, Veteran's Affairs Secretary Robert A. McDonald has designated March 29th, the Vietnam 50th Anniversary, as a day to honor those who have "borne the battle," and to extend gratitude and appreciation to them and their families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ken Ladner, Mayor of the Town of Silver City, Grant County, New Mexico, do hereby proclaim March 29, 2016 as

"WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERAN'S DAY"

and encourage our citizens to recognize and appreciate the service and sacrifices made by Vietnam Veterans and their families.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this official seal of the Town of Silver City to be affixed this 22nd day of March, 2016.

(Seal)

Ken Ladner, Mayor

Attest:

Ann L. Mackie, Town Clerk