

PROCLAMATION
Recognizing March 29, 2023
As National Vietnam War Veterans Day in
The Town of Smithfield, North Carolina

Whereas, we honor the more than 9 million Americans who served during the Vietnam War era with 3 million who served in the Vietnam War and pay tribute to those who lost their lives due to the conflict, and we reaffirm our dedication to showing a generation of veterans the respect and support of a grateful Nation; and

Whereas, of the more than 700,000 veterans living in North Carolina, more than 250,000 served in the Vietnam War; and Americans from every corner of our Nation reported for duty during the Vietnam War, and we are grateful for their services and their sacrifices; and

Whereas, over 350,000 servicemembers returned home from the conflict, burdened by visible scars as well as the invisible wounds of post-traumatic stress, Agent Orange exposure, and memories that would never fade; and

Whereas, we bear witness to the more than 58,281 names etched into two faces of black granite in our Nation's Capital and 35 names of those from Johnston County etched in our Courthouse memorial, a lasting tribute to those who bore conflict's greatest cost; and

Whereas, the sobering fact that 1,553 as of Jan 24, 2023 are still considered missing in action and their families await word of their fate as we continue our diligent work to fulfill our promise and bring them home; and

Whereas, today, we reaffirm one of our most fundamental obligations: to show all who have worn the uniform of the United States the respect and dignity they deserve and to honor their sacrifice by serving them as well as they served us; and

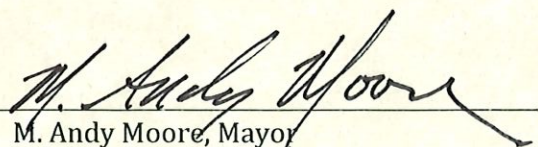
Whereas, the Town of Smithfield, NC in Johnston County and our nation are grateful for their strength and their service; on National Vietnam War Veterans Day, we honor their proud legacy with our deepest appreciation.

Now therefore, I, M. Andy Moore, Mayor of the Town of Smithfield, do hereby proclaim March 29, 2023, as

VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

in Smithfield, and commend its observance to all citizens.




M. Andy Moore, Mayor