

PROCLAMATION
Recognizing March 29, 2025
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, many Vietnam veterans continue to contribute to our community as leaders, mentors, and role models, exemplifying the enduring strength of character and patriotism; 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, 2025, as

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in Smithfield, and commend its observance to all citizens.



M. Andy Moore, Mayor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great the Seal of the Town of Smithfield on this 5th day of March, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.