



# County Commissioners of Charles County

## PROCLAMATION 2026-14

### National Vietnam War Veterans Day

**WHEREAS**, throughout American history, patriotic men and women have sworn an oath to defend our nation, establishing an honorable tradition of dedicated service; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 3 million Americans served in the Vietnam War, with more than 58,000 paying the ultimate sacrifice; more than 304,000 were wounded; 2,500 Prisoners of War (POW) and more than 1,200 are still Missing in Action (MIA); and

**WHEREAS**, the Vietnam War lasted for 19 years and 180 days, making it one of the longest military conflicts in the United States' history; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the United States Armed Forces served bravely and faithfully during the Vietnam War returned home in the crossfire of an extremely divisive time which deprived many of those members of public support and appreciation of their patriotic service; and

**WHEREAS**, Vietnam War Veterans Day is an opportunity to honor all Vietnam veterans and their families and recognize the contributions they continue to make through their leadership, service, and wisdom.

**WHEREAS**, Charles County proudly recognizes the service, bravery, and dedication of Vietnam War Veterans who have contributed greatly to the strength and character of our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND**, do hereby proclaim March 29, 2026 as **National Vietnam War Veterans Day** in Charles County and encourage all residents to honor, support, and thank our Vietnam Veterans for their service and sacrifice.

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