

1 **Resolution Supporting Recognition of the**  
2 **Vietnamese-American Heritage and Freedom Flag**  
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4 **WHEREAS** the end of our Vietnam War produced an exodus of over 2,000,000 Vietnamese people  
5 seeking a new life; and  
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7 **WHEREAS** many of those refugees settled in King County, where an estimated 48,000 Vietnamese-  
8 Americans and others of Vietnamese descent live and have a long history of contributing to the  
9 business, economic development, and culture of the county and its cities; and  
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11 **WHEREAS** Vietnamese-Americans own and operate approximately 3,000 businesses in Washington  
12 that have gross sales and receipts of \$446 million annually, while paying \$56 million in taxes per  
13 year and employing many Washingtonians; and  
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15 **WHEREAS** Vietnamese-Americans have excelled in engineering, government, architecture,  
16 education, medicine, acting, music, sculpture, and writing; and  
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18 **WHEREAS** the City of Seattle's quality of life has been and is greatly enhanced by its Vietnamese-  
19 American community; and  
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21 **WHEREAS** the vast majority of Vietnamese-Americans embrace the Vietnamese-American  
22 Heritage and Freedom flag as a symbol of their heritage and promotion of freedom and democracy in  
23 their country of origin; and  
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25 **WHEREAS** recognition of the Vietnamese-American Heritage and Freedom Flag is a recognition of  
26 the more than 58,000 American service-men and -women who lost their lives in defense of liberty,  
27 and of the many thousands of living Vietnam War veterans who likewise deserve our thanks and  
28 respect; and  
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30 **WHEREAS** the mayors of three King County cities, including Seattle, have issued proclamations  
31 recognizing the valuable contributions of their respective Vietnamese-American communities, and  
32 further recognizing the flag that serves as their symbol; and  
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34 **WHEREAS**, in this 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the end of U.S. military involvement in Vietnam, it is  
35 fitting that more formal recognition be granted to the continuing contributions of our Vietnamese-  
36 American communities;  
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38 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that we commend the Seattle City Council for recognizing the  
39 Vietnamese-American Heritage and Freedom Flag of the Vietnamese-American community, and we  
40 support its display at community events and appropriate locations in Seattle; and  
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42 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we encourage other cities and counties to similarly recognize  
43 the Vietnamese-American Heritage and Freedom flag as the symbol of our nation's Vietnamese-  
44 American community.  
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46 *Adopted June 23, 2015, by the King County Democratic Central Committee*  
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48 Based on resolutions adopted by the 11<sup>th</sup>, 34<sup>th</sup> and 37<sup>th</sup> LDs.  
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