

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 22

A RESOLUTION IN REMEMBRANCE OF APRIL 30, 1975 AS THE  
END OF THE VIETNAM WAR

WHEREAS, on January 12, 1962, United States Army pilots lifted more than 1,000 South Vietnamese service members over jungle and underbrush to capture a National Liberation Front stronghold near Saigon. Operation Chopper marked America's first combat mission against the Viet Cong; and

WHEREAS, we salute our brave Vietnam veterans who, in service to our Nation and in defense of liberty, fought gallantly against the spread of communism and defended the freedom of the Vietnamese people; and

WHEREAS, in 1967, nearly 500,000 American troops served in South Vietnam, along with approximately 850,000 troops of our allies; and

WHEREAS, we remember the more than 58,000 whose names are memorialized on a black granite wall in our Nation's capital for having borne the heaviest cost of war. We also pay tribute to the brave patriots who suffered as prisoners of war; and

WHEREAS, on March 29, 1973, two months after the signing of the Vietnam peace agreement, the last U.S. combat troops left South Vietnam as Hanoi frees the remaining American prisoners of war held in North Vietnam and on April 30, 1975, the last few Americans still in South Vietnam were airlifted out of the country.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
COLORADO SPRINGS:**

Section 1. The City Council honor April 30, 1975 as the end of the war in Vietnam and would like to thank and honor all veterans of the Vietnam War.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

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Council President

ATTEST:

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Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk