



**PROCLAMATION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO**

WHEREAS, between 1964 and 1975 more than three million Americans left their homes and families and served overseas in a series of battles and conflicts of the Vietnam War; and,

WHEREAS, the wounds of the war were not just physical for many veterans, with many suffering PTSD and other related conditions as a result of the hardships they went through in service of their country; and

WHEREAS, 623 Coloradans were among the 58,220 members of the Armed Forces who lost their lives in service of their country with another 300,000 wounded in action. Of the 1,584 Americans still listed as Prisoners of War or Missing in Action, 24 Coloradans are still unaccounted for; and

WHEREAS, it is important that those who served are honored with recognition and dignity, and to ensure that their great sacrifices and immeasurable contributions to our nation are never forgotten; and,

WHEREAS, March 29th has been designated as National Vietnam War Veterans Day; and,

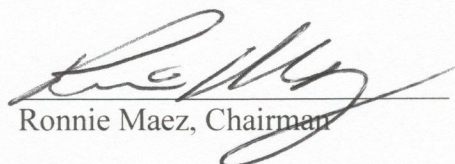
WHEREAS, this day now joins six other military-centric national observances; and,

WHEREAS, Archuleta County wishes to recognize all veterans of all wars and conflicts.

THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING:

1. We recognize the men and women who served with honor while defending their country and remain thankful to those who fought in the Vietnam conflict and all other wars and conflicts. We are grateful for their brave service and draw inspiration and pride from all that they are. The servicemen and women who served in the Armed Forces represent a generation who exuded the very meaning of courage, bravery, honor and sacrifice.
2. We hereby proclaim March 29, 2023 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day in Archuleta County, Colorado.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of March, 2023, in Pagosa Springs, Archuleta County, Colorado.


Ronnie Maez, Chairman