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**ALDERMAN HARRY OSTERMAN**

48<sup>TH</sup> WARD

**Resolution**

**Whereas**, the Vietnamese community, hosted by the Vietnamese-American Community of Illinois, desires to be honored by recognition of the Vietnamese Freedom and Heritage Flag by the City of Chicago; and

**Whereas**, the end of the Vietnam conflict produced an exodus of over two million Vietnamese who sought political asylum in the free world, and bravely risked their lives to live under the property of democracy; and

**Whereas**, the Freedom and Heritage Flag of the former Republic of Vietnam is symbolic of the Vietnamese people, freedom, human rights, democracy, and those who sacrificed their lives in order to defend these essential societal principles; and

**Whereas**, Vietnamese-Americans who settled in Illinois and their descendants are contributed greatly to the City of Chicago and the United States of America in areas of religion, government, athletics, science, military, education, art, business, and industry; and

**Whereas**, the officers, members, families, and friends of the Vietnamese-American community in Illinois are to be saluted for their many years of tireless, personal efforts to restore freedom, democracy, and a free market economy to their beloved homeland, for contributing to the quality of life in the City of Chicago and for preserving the traditions of the Vietnamese family and community

**Now, Therefore, I, Harry Osterman**, Alderman of the 48<sup>th</sup> Ward, hereby ask that the Vietnamese Freedom and Heritage flag be recognized by the City of Chicago. I urge all citizens to join in honoring, remembering, reflecting, and bearing witness to the heroes who gave the ultimate sacrifice for freedom, and recognizing the importance of never forgetting.

On this 9<sup>th</sup> Day of November, 2011;

Harry Osterman  
Alderman, 48<sup>th</sup> Ward