

**A PROCLAMATION TO BE SUBMITTED
BY LEGISLATORS GRANT, MAZUR, MILLS, HOGUES, MARINELLI,
LOUGHRAN, McCracken, DIXON & LORIGO**

RE: Providing a "Heroes Welcome" to the American Veterans Traveling Vietnam Wall Coming to Erie County July 18 – 22, 2012

WHEREAS, from July 18 – 22, 2012, the American Veterans Traveling Vietnam Wall will be at the Newell-Faulkner Post 880 American Legion in Eden, NY; and

WHEREAS, this traveling wall is an 80% replica of the permanent wall at the National Mall in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, it is important for every community to "honor, respect and remember" all those who have served our great nation, especially those whose names are engraved on the Wall for having made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, the community commemoration of this event begins on July 18, with the Traveling Vietnam Wall making its way up Milestrip Road to Route 62, then North to Legion Drive; and

WHEREAS, the Opening Ceremony will take place on July 19 at 12 noon, and an Evening Ceremony will be held at 8 p.m.; on both July 20 and 21, there will be a Morning Ceremony at 8 a.m. and an Evening Ceremony at 8 p.m.; and, on the Traveling Vietnam Wall's last day here, July 22, there will be a Morning Ceremony at 8 a.m. and a Closing Ceremony at 3 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body encourages the citizens of Erie County to embrace this rare opportunity to give deserved recognition – in person– to the Vietnam generation of our nation's warriors, who were often treated with disdain and hostility upon their return home; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper for the Erie County Legislature to pay tribute to all those brave U.S. Marines, Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Coast Guardsmen who served our great nation in Vietnam, and to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body pause in its deliberations to recognize July 18 – 22, 2012 as "American Veterans Traveling Vietnam Wall Days in Erie County," and by doing so, provide a long overdue "Heroes Welcome" to those who served our nation and sacrificed themselves for the benefit of all Americans; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature, on behalf of the citizens of Erie County, pay tribute to our fallen heroes of the Vietnam War, as well as the Vietnam veteran-heroes still in our midst, recalling that "All Gave Some, Some Gave All."