



PROCLAMATION

DESIGNATING MARCH 30, 2016

AS

'VIETNAM VETERANS REMEMBRANCE DAY

WHEREAS, the Vietnam War was fought in the Republic of South Vietnam from 1961 to 1975, and involved North Vietnamese regular forces and Viet Cong guerrilla forces in armed conflict with the United States Armed Forces and the Army of the Republic of Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, the United States Armed Forces became involved in Vietnam because the United States Government wanted to provide direct military support to the Government of South Vietnam to defend itself against the growing Communist threat from North Vietnam;

WHEREAS, members of the United States Armed Forces began serving in an advisory role to the Government of the Republic of South Vietnam in 1961;

WHEREAS, as a result of the Gulf of Tonkin incidents on August 2 and 4, 1963, Congress overwhelmingly passed the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution (Public Law 88-408), on August 7, 1964, which provided the authority to the President of the United States to prosecute the war against North Vietnam;

WHEREAS, in 1965, United States Armed Forces ground combat units arrived in Vietnam;

WHEREAS, by the end of 1965, there were 80,000 United States troops in Vietnam, and by 1969, a peak of approximately 543,000 troops was reached;

WHEREAS, more than 58,000 members of the United States Armed Forces lost their lives in Vietnam and more than 300,000 members of the Armed Forces were wounded;

WHEREAS, in 1982, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated in the District of Columbia to commemorate those members of the United States Armed Forces who died or were declared missing-in-action in Vietnam;

WHEREAS, the Vietnam War was an extremely divisive issue among the people of the United States and a conflict that caused a generation of veterans to wait too long for the United States public to acknowledge and honor the efforts and services of such veterans;

WHEREAS, members of the United States Armed Forces who served bravely and faithfully for the United States during the Vietnam War were often wrongly criticized for the policy decisions made by 4 presidential administrations in the United States;

WHEREAS, the establishment of a **'Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day'** would be an appropriate way to honor those members of the United States Armed Forces who served in South Vietnam and throughout Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, March 30, 2016, would be an appropriate day to establish as **'Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day'**;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde resolve:

- 1) Honors and recognizes the contributions of veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces in Vietnam during war and during peace;**
- 2) Encourages States and local governments to also establish ‘Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day’; and**
- 3) Encourages the people of the United States to observe ‘Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day; with appropriate ceremonies and activities that**
 - a. Provide the appreciation Vietnam War veterans deserve, but did not receive upon return home from the war;**
 - b. Demonstrate the resolve that never again shall the Nation disregard and denigrate a generation of veterans;**
 - c. Promote awareness of the faithful service and contributions of such veterans during their military service as well as to the communities since returning home;**
 - d. Promote awareness of the importance of entire communities empowering veterans and the families of veterans to readjust to civilian life after military service; and**
 - e. Promote opportunities for such veterans to assist younger veterans returning from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan in rehabilitation from wounds, both seen and unseen, and to support the reintegration of younger veterans into civilian life.**

Passed and approved by a majority voted of the Common Council at the Regular Session of March 16, 2016.



Charles German, Mayor

3-16-2016

Date

Attest:



Virginia Jones, Town Clerk



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December 15th, 2015

Honorable Mayor Charles German and Town Council
Town of Camp Verde
473 S Main St Suite 102, Camp Verde, AZ 86322

Re: Proclamation request – April is **RIVERFEST** month.

Dear Honorable Mayor German and Camp Verde Town Council Members;

Verde River Valley Nature Organization (VRVNO) is a 501(c)3. Our Vision is for a healthy and sustainable Verde River Valley, its watershed and open spaces. Our Mission is to provide nature based recreation, education and tourism that promote stewardship of the Verde River Valley.

VRVNO was founded in 2012 from the 16 year old Verde Valley Birding and Nature Festival held annually at Dead Horse Ranch State Park and throughout our State and National Parks, and Coconino and Prescott National Forest Districts.

In 2013 **RIVERFEST** was introduced as an idea for April activities and events promoting stewardship of the Verde River Watershed. In 2014 & 15 we expanded to invite full community participation, not just in advertising with our **RIVERFEST** outreach brochure, but to provide fun and inviting activities, product, décor etc, during the month of April. In 2016 our outreach expanded again, we now have 3 business's participating in April as **RIVERFEST** month and continue to look for ways to encourage more participation.

Currently VRVNO facilitates: Verde River RunOff - kayak and canoe race, Outdoor Science Fair with Verde Valley SciTech, 4 day Birding and Nature Festival; workshops in Safe River Recreation, Birding, Interpretive Guiding, and Youth Outreach programs and scholarship. We partner with other organizations and business in 'Celebrate the River' concert and songwriter competition, Verde River Day, Free Guided Canoe Paddle, Clarkdale River Poker Run and other community events and activities.

Bringing our Verde River Valley residents, businesses and visitors together for a month long **RIVERFEST** recognition and celebration of Verde River Watershed opportunities is a "WIN – WIN" annual opportunity!

Please contact me with any related questions or concerns.

Sincerely;

Wendy Harford
Executive Director



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Verde River Valley Nature Organization (VRVNO) invites YOU to join us by Proclamation naming April as “RiverFest” Month

Whereas: The Verde River Watershed is one of the most important geological features in the Verde Valley and;

Whereas: The Verde River is a major resource for our residential community and;

Whereas: The Verde River provides extremely valuable agricultural, economic, recreational, social and sporting opportunities for the people of the Verde River Valley, Arizona and our visitors, and;

Whereas: The Verde River Valley Nature Organization produces and promotes a series of Verde River-centered events in the month of April, known as “RiverFest” and;

Whereas: The Verde River Valley Nature Organization inspires, encourages and invites community wide participation in ‘RiverFest’ and;

Whereas: RiverFest brings healthy, sustainable tourism to the Verde Valley that is consistent with the City/Town of ____’s municipal economic development plan and with our environmental stewardship goals;

Now therefore, we, the Mayor and Council, hereby proclaim the month of April, 2016 as “RiverFest Month” in the City/Town of _____.

Signed:

Mayor, City/Town of _____

Dated:

___/___/___

APRIL is RIVERFEST MONTH!

in the Sedona Verde River Valley

What can YOU do for RIVERFEST

JOIN in the FUN  with your own
ACTIVITY **PRODUCT!!!**

From Outfitter Discounts ~ Verde River Story Sharing

Drop(s) of Water & River Art Images

Mud Tire Special ~ River Music in the Park

Blue & Green Window Dressing

Crawdads & Bullfrogs on the Menu

(they are invasives you know?!)

I  The Verde River Promotions of all kinds!

SPONSOR ~ ADVERTISE ~ GET ON THE MAP

CONTACT US TO FIND OUT HOW!

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