



**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 2,500 Americans listed as Prisoners of War or Missing in Action, 41 are from Colorado, with 24 Coloradans 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**, on March 28, 2017, President Donald J. Trump signed into law The Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017, designating every March 29<sup>th</sup> as National Vietnam Veterans Day; 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, 2021 as Vets4Vets Day in Archuleta County, Colorado.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 16th day of March, 2021, in Pagosa Springs, Archuleta County, Colorado.

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Alvin Schaaf, Chairman