PROCLAMATIONWelcome Home Vietnam War Veterans Day

WHEREAS, our Nation's Vietnam War Commemoration gives us the opportunity for all Americans to recognize, honor and thank our Vietnam War Veterans and their families for their service and sacrifices during the Vietnam War from November 1, 1955 - May 15, 1975; and

WHEREAS, over 9,000 organizations across America have joined with the Department of Defense as a Commemorative Partner to honor our Nation's Vietnam War Veterans, including members of Bosque River Valley Chapter, Texas Society Daughters of the American Revolution, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, this commemoration includes nine million Americans, with approximately 7.2 million of them living today, and makes no distinction who served in-country, in-theater, or were stationed elsewhere during those 20 years – all answered the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, Veteran's Affairs Secretary Robert A. McDonald has designated March 29, 2016, anniversary of the last day U.S. troops were on the ground in Vietnam, as a day to honor those who have "borne the battle", and to extend gratitude and appreciation to them and their families; now

THEREFORE, I, Dewey Ratliff, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Judge of the County of Bosque, in the State of Texas, do hereby proclaim March 29, 2016

WELCOME HOME VIETNAM WAR VETERAN'S DAY

In Bosque County, Texas

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this *Sixteenth day of March*, in the year of our Lord *Two thousand sixteen*.

Signature: