

# ***PROCLAMATION***

## **WELCOME HOME 2011**

*WHEREAS, on June 13, 1986, the Chicago Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Parade was held with over 200,000 veterans and their families marching proudly down the streets of Chicago to the applause of over 300,000 spectators; and*

*WHEREAS, that emotional and inspirational day helped change the Country's outlook of the Vietnam Veterans; and*

*WHEREAS, the parade provided a healing process which generated a grassroots movement that laid the groundwork for today's returning soldiers; and*

*WHEREAS, June 13, 2011 will be the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this historic event; and*

*WHEREAS, to commemorate this anniversary "Welcome Home 2011," "Together Then, Together Again," will be held June 17 – 19, 2011 with numerous events including an Art and Photo Display at the Chicago Cultural Arts Center, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall will be on display at Navy Pier, a Kick-off Rally will be held at Navy Pier on June 18 which will include a "Pass the Torch" ceremony, a banquet will be held at the Palmer House on Saturday evening, June 18, and on Sunday, June 19, an afternoon of music will be held at the Pritzker Pavilion at Millennium Park.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karen Darch, President of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Barrington, Cook and Lake Counties, Illinois, do hereby proclaim June 17 – 19, 2011, as Welcome Home 2011 in the Village of Barrington, and urge all citizens to attend "Welcome Home 2011" events and to recognize the service of our Vietnam, Iraqi, and Afghanistan Veterans and those currently serving our Country.***

*Given, under my hand and seal of the Village of Barrington this twenty-third day of May, 2011.*

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*Karen Y. Darch  
Village President*