



# SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

## Legislative Summary

Res 31591

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**Title:** A RESOLUTION recognizing the Vietnamese Heritage and Freedom flag as the symbol for Seattle's Vietnamese community.

**Notes:**

Date  
Filed with City Clerk: 6/26/2015

Mayor's Signature: 6/26/2015

**Sponsors:** Harrell

Vetoed by Mayor:

Veto Overridden:

Veto Sustained:

**Attachments:**

**Drafter:** vinh.tang@seattle.gov

**Filing Requirements/Dept Action:**

### History of Legislative File

Legal Notice Published:

☐ Yes

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Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	City Clerk	06/11/2015	sent for review	Council President's Office			
	<b>Action Text:</b> The Resolution (Res) was sent for review. to the Council President's Office <b>Notes:</b>						
1	Council President's Office	06/11/2015	sent for review	Public Safety, Civil Rights, and Technology Committee			
	<b>Action Text:</b> The Resolution (Res) was sent for review. to the Public Safety, Civil Rights, and Technology Committee <b>Notes:</b>						
1	Full Council	06/15/2015	referred	Public Safety, Civil Rights, and Technology Committee			
	<b>Action Text:</b> The Resolution (Res) was referred. to the Public Safety, Civil Rights, and Technology Committee <b>Notes:</b>						
1	Public Safety, Civil Rights, and Technology Committee	06/17/2015	adopt		06/22/2015		Pass

**Action Text:** The Committee recommends that Full Council adopt the Resolution (Res).  
In Favor: 3 Chair Bagshaw, Member Harrell, Licata  
Opposed: 0

1 Full Council 06/22/2015 adopted Pass

**Action Text:** The Resolution (Res) was adopted by the following vote and the President signed the Bill:  
In Favor: 8 Councilmember Bagshaw, Council President Burgess, Councilmember  
Godden, Councilmember Harrell, Councilmember Licata, Councilmember  
O'Brien, Councilmember Okamoto, Councilmember Rasmussen  
Opposed: 1 Councilmember Sawant

1 City Clerk 06/25/2015 submitted for Mayor  
Mayor's signature

**Action Text:** The Resolution (Res) was submitted for Mayor's signature. to the Mayor  
**Notes:**

1 Mayor 06/26/2015 Signed

**Action Text:** The Resolution (Res) was Signed.  
**Notes:**

1 Mayor 06/26/2015 returned City Clerk

**Action Text:** The Resolution (Res) was returned. to the City Clerk  
**Notes:**

1 City Clerk 06/26/2015 attested by City  
Clerk

**Action Text:** The Resolution (Res) was attested by City Clerk.  
**Notes:**

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**CITY OF SEATTLE**  
**RESOLUTION** 31591

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Vietnamese Heritage and Freedom flag as the symbol for Seattle's Vietnamese community.

WHEREAS, the Vietnamese Heritage and Freedom Flag consists of a yellow field with three horizontal red stripes in the middle and was the flag of former South Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, Seattle is home to more than 10,000 Vietnamese Americans, the second largest foreign-born immigrant community in Seattle, and the state of Washington is home to more than 70,000 Vietnamese Americans; and

WHEREAS, April 30, 2015 marked the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, many Vietnamese allies fled after the United States left Vietnam on April 30, 1975, and former Governor Dan Evans and the great people of the state of Washington welcomed and aided thousands of Vietnamese refugees; and

WHEREAS, these refugees lost their homes and their home country and had no place to go because they faced persecution for fighting alongside the United States in pursuit of freedom and the liberties valued by the United States; and

WHEREAS, the first refugees arrived at Camp Murray near Fort Lewis; and

WHEREAS, the state of Washington helped fund the first Vietnamese-language newspaper in the country called Dat Moi meaning "new land," providing valuable information to refugees; and

1 WHEREAS, although the majority of Vietnamese immigrants were located in underdeveloped  
2 urban neighborhoods, they nevertheless established strong vibrant communities in a short  
3 period of time, rebuilding their lives and becoming proud American citizens; and

4 WHEREAS; in the United States, approximately 13 state governments, seven counties, and 85  
5 cities have adopted resolutions to recognize the Vietnamese Heritage and Freedom Flag;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, the City of Seattle passed Resolution 24896, 24900, and 24913 from April 21, 1975  
8 to May 12, 1975, welcoming Vietnamese refugees to Seattle and instructing City  
9 agencies to cooperate with private and federal agencies in helping refugees; and

10 WHEREAS, the history, arts, economy, food, and culture of the City of Seattle have been  
11 significantly influenced by local Vietnamese Americans whose customs and traditions are  
12 respected and celebrated; and

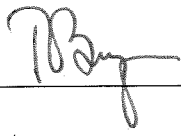
13 WHEREAS, the business district that is Seattle's Little Saigon has been the economic and social  
14 center of the Vietnamese community since the 1980s; and

15 WHEREAS, the overwhelming consensus of Seattle's Vietnamese population is that the  
16 Vietnamese Heritage and Freedom flag is a unifying symbol of a vibrant, energetic,  
17 engaged, and prosperous future for the Vietnamese community in Seattle; NOW,  
18 THEREFORE,


19 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE**  
20 **MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

21 Section 1. The City of Seattle honors its local Vietnamese community's history,  
22 contributions, and achievements and recognizes the Vietnamese Heritage and Freedom  
23 Flag as the symbol for the Vietnamese community in Seattle.

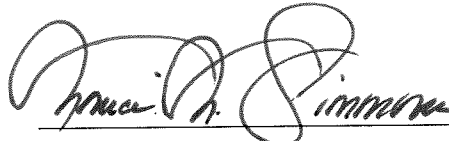
Adopted by the City Council the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2015, and  
signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 22<sup>nd</sup> day  
of June, 2015.

  
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President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

The Mayor concurred the 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015.

  
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Edward B. Murray, Mayor

Filed by me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015.

  
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Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

(Seal)

STATE OF WASHINGTON -- KING COUNTY

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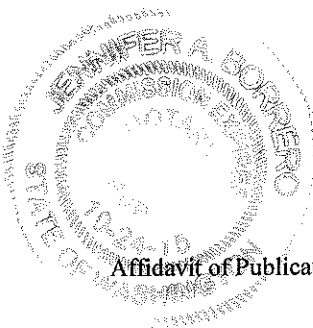
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Affidavit of Publication

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## State of Washington, King County

