The State of Washington

Proclamation

WHEREAS, on April 30, 1975, Saigon fell and the Vietnamese refugees' journey to freedom began; and

WHEREAS, Governor Dan Evans whole heartedly welcomed the Vietnamese to the state of Washington by way of Camp Murray, where they were paired with sponsor families or employers; and

WHEREAS, the Vietnamese have contributed immensely to the growth and stability of the state of Washington, deepening our American values of family, education, prosperity, social justice and community, and further shaping the social and economic character of the state; and

WHEREAS, Vietnamese have achieved success in all aspects of our society, including business, politics, education, community service, media, arts and sciences, while addressing community issues of equity, opportunity and service access – benefiting Washington State and the nation as a whole, and reinforcing our sense of a global community; and

WHEREAS, this year, the Vietnamese are celebrating the 40th anniversary of arriving to the state of Washington, a place they now call home;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim April 2015 to be

The Vietnamese Journey to Freedom Month

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in honoring our many Vietnamese residents.

Signed this 16th day of April, 2015

Governor Jay Inslee