



## *PROCLAMATION*

**WHEREAS**, more than 58,000 American servicemen and servicewomen lost their lives in the Vietnam War while defending the principles and ideals upon which our nation was founded; and

**WHEREAS**, 642,000 veterans living in Washington State and more than 1,100 Washingtonians gave their lives during the Vietnam War; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1982 a memorial to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam was built; and

**WHEREAS**, this memorial, widely known as the “Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall” is located in Washington, D.C., and has provided a place of healing and comfort to millions of Americans, especially Vietnam veterans, and

**WHEREAS**, many people will never have the opportunity to personally visit the memorial to begin their process of healing; and

**WHEREAS**, a replica of the 240-foot Vietnam Veterans Memorial will be escorted into our county on July 10, 2007, and on display at the Miller Woodlawn Funeral Home and Memorial Park in Bremerton, Washington from July 13, 2007 through July 15, 2007 which will allow state residents to experience the comfort and emotional feeling this memorial provides;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Darlene Kordonowy, Mayor of the City of Bainbridge Island, do hereby proclaim the week of July 10, 2007 through July 15, 2007,

### *Vietnam Veterans Memorial Week*

on Bainbridge Island, and I urge all citizens to join me in remembering our veterans and the sacrifice these men and women made for our country.



*SIGNED* this 9th day of July 2007

  
Darlene Kordonowy, Mayor