

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, many brave men and women of Alachua County served courageously in the Vietnam War in a faithful commitment to "Duty, Honor, Country" under the harshest of conditions; and

WHEREAS, forty-eight of Alachua County's young men were brutally killed in the jungles of Vietnam and never returned home to their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, the local Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 1092, and Marine Corps League, 990 Gator Detachment, are honoring those who "gave all' by placing commemorative bricks at the Alachua City Hall Military Memorial in tribute to these valiant warriors who displayed the greatest love of all by laying down their lives for their friends and every American; and

WHEREAS, the grateful citizens of Alachua never want to forget the sacrifices made by these brave patriots in keeping us free.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gib Coerper, Mayor of the City of Alachua, representing the City and the City Commission, do proclaim December 9, 2019 as

Fallen Alachua County Vietnam War Heroes Day

and urge all citizens to honor these patriots and those men and women in today's armed forces all around the world who are protecting every American citizen from tyranny.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 9th day of December, 2019.

	Gib Coerper, Attest