

**PROCLAMATION**  
**Village of Wheeling**

**Welcome Home 2011**

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, today, June 13, 2011 is the 25th anniversary of this historic event; and

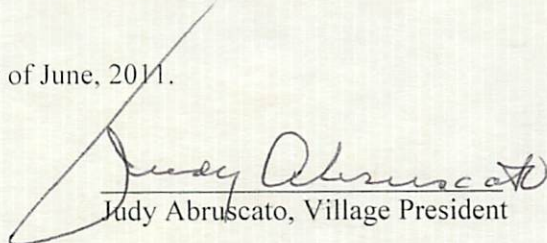
**WHEREAS**, to commemorate this anniversary, *Welcome Home 2011 – Together Then, Together Again* will be held from June 17–19, 2011, featuring numerous events including an art and photo display at the Chicago Cultural Center, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall on display at Navy Pier, a Kick-off Rally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

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Wheeling is proud of our veterans and the men and women who serve our country and we thank them and their families for the sacrifices they have made; and

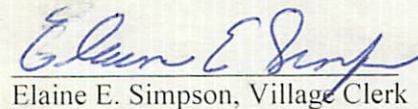
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Judy Abruscato, President of the Village of Wheeling**, do hereby proclaim June 17–19, 2011 at Welcome Home 2011 Days in the Village of Wheeling in recognition of the our Vietnam, Iraqi, and Afghanistan Veterans and those who are currently serving our Country.

**DATED** at the Village of Wheeling this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2011.



  
Judy Abruscato, Village President

**ATTEST:**

  
Elaine E. Simpson, Village Clerk