

RESOLUTION NO. 448

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON,
RECOGNIZING THE YELLOW FLAG WITH THREE RED STRIPES AS THE OFFICIAL
FLAG OF THE VIETNAMESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, the current government of Vietnam is a non-democratic, one party system of government without rule of law that arbitrarily infringes upon the basic human and civil liberties of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Vietnamese-Americans were forced to flee Vietnam in fear of the Government of Vietnam's campaign of retribution and persecution after the Fall of Saigon in 1975; and

WHEREAS, Pierce County is home to a large number of Vietnamese Americans and residents of Vietnamese descent and they have made substantial contributions to Pierce County's culture, business and commerce; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of Vietnamese-Americans embrace the flag of the former Republic of Vietnam (South Vietnam), with three red stripes on a yellow background, as the symbol of their heritage and the promotion of freedom and democracy in their community and their country of origin;

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE,
WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:**

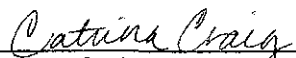
Section 1. The City Council of the City of University Place do hereby formally recognize the yellow flag with three red stripes as the official symbol of the Vietnamese-American community.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON JUNE 7, 2004.


Ken Grassi, Mayor

ATTEST:


Catrina Craig, City Clerk