



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Village of Bloomingdale

PROCLAMATION

Honoring Veteran Tom Brown

WHEREAS, the men and women who have served in our armed forces have contributed immeasurably to the preservation of America's freedom and to the advancement of the goal of world peace; and

WHEREAS, the greatest acknowledgement of our freedom is to honor our armed forces veterans who have sacrificed and, in many instances, paid the ultimate price for our freedom; and

WHEREAS, Honor Flight Chicago's mission is to building awareness and appreciation of the debt of gratitude America owes its veterans for their service and sacrifice for our nation. Honor Flight Chicago recognizes America's senior war veterans for their bravery, determination, and patriotism with an all-expense-paid, one-of-a-kind journey to Washington, D.C., for a day of honor, thanks, and inspiration; and

WHEREAS, in August 1967, Tom Brown was drafted into The United States Army, at the age of 19 years old, and attended basic training at Fort Knox in the Big Red One Infantry Division. He left for Vietnam on January 1, 1968; and

WHEREAS, Tom was wounded in May 1968, helicoptered out of the jungle to a MASH unit and then proceeded to spend a month in a hospital in Japan. Tom was awarded the Purple Heart for his actions during the war. After undergoing further therapy at Great Lakes Hospital, he was stationed at Fort Polk, Louisiana where he worked as the Chaplains' Assistant; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, as a tribute to their service and sacrifice, Tom Brown, along with other veterans, will be recognized on Honor Flight Chicago and in Washington DC;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that Tom Brown is recognized as a true hero and on the occasion of his Honor Flight trip, I, Franco A. Coladipietro, Mayor of Bloomingdale, do hereby proclaim September 16, 2021 to be **Tom Brown Day** in Bloomingdale. On this day, we salute and show gratitude for all who serve!



In witness thereof, I have herewith set my hand and caused the seal of this village to be affixed.

Mayor Franco A. Coladipietro

Date September 16, 2021