



Proclamation

Montgomery County Maryland

WHEREAS,

Gregory V. Hamilton served in the United States Navy, serving in Vietnam from 1969-1970 in the Brown Water Navy which fought thousands of brief but bloody battles for control of large water-bound areas of that country's rice bowl and major enemy supply routes while also protecting ground operations close to insure waterways; and

WHEREAS,

he was exposed to agent Orange during his service in Vietnam and has suffered many physical ailments as a result; he has been a staunch advocate for services to veterans and for initiating the Commission on Veterans Affairs in Montgomery County; and

WHEREAS,

he is of Black and Cherokee heritage and was Council President of the American Indian Heritage and Education Association, Inc., an organization serving native people and veterans. He is a lifetime member of the Vietnam Veterans of America and Maryland Chapter #1 of Rolling Thunder, both groups known as the Vietnam Veterans Memorial "Wall Washing Crew"; and

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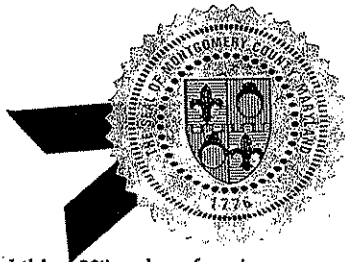
he was a member of the Takoma Park City Council from 1987-1993, chairing the Public Health and Safety Committee and the Housing Committee and was a staunch supporter of tenants' rights and fair housing, receiving several awards for his work; and

NOW, THEREFORE, DO I,

Isiah Leggett as County Executive, hereby proclaim Friday, January 20, 2012, as

GREGORY V. HAMILTON DAY

in Montgomery County. I urge our residents to celebrate his life and long service to our community, to the State of Maryland, to our Country, and especially to the Vietnam Community.



Signed this 20th day of January in the year 2012.


County Executive