

## PERMANENT MISSION OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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## **MESSAGE**

On behalf of the Permanent Mission of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the United Nations, I would like to extend my best wishes and warmest congratulations to the organizers and participants of the 7th Asian – American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration in Suffolk County.

This remarkable annual Celebration has indeed become an important part of our life. It has been fostering Asian Pacific cultural diversity, nurturing understanding of the traditional visual and cultural values of the Asian-American and Pacific Islander communities and preserving our cultural heritage.

For Viet Nam, the celebration this year is of special significance as we commemorate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of normalization of diplomatic relations between Viet Nam and the United States of America. It is our hope that Vietnamese traditional dance, music and handicrafts will help our friends know more about Viet Nam and the life of Vietnamese people. We are also looking forward to learning more about the culture of other Asian – Pacific peoples.

I wish the celebration the best of success.

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