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Springfield Vietnamese Cultural Association to Remember the Fall of Saigon

Who: Mayor Domenic J. Sarno and Representatives from the Springfield Vietnamese Cultural Association, Inc.

What: Remembrance of the Fall of Saigon

When: Sunday, May 1, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

Where: 433 Belmont Avenue, Springfield

Springfield, MA – Mayor Domenic J. Sarno will join the Springfield Vietnamese Cultural Association, Inc. (SVCA) in a ceremony to remember the Fall of the Republic of Vietnam. The event will be held Sunday, May 1 at 2:00 p.m. in front of the flag poles next to the SVCA building at 433 Belmont Ave, Springfield.

Mayor Sarno states, “I have attended and spoken at this solemn event for a number of years now. As these Vietnamese/American veterans stood with us during the Vietnam War, we will continue to stand by them. They and their families have been a vibrant part of our Springfield community.”

Also referred to as the Fall of Saigon, the ceremony commemorates the April 30, 1975 date in which Vietnam fell under Communist control. The City of Springfield became home to many of Vietnamese refugees from that period. Participating in the ceremony with Mayor Sarno and the SVCA will be former Army of the Republic of Vietnam officers, each of whom fought on the side of the Americans and were imprisoned for approximately eight years each.

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