



## Premier of Western Australia

## MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER

Black April represents a dark chapter in the history of Vietnam, a period when innumerable Vietnamese people fled to other countries across the world, many losing their lives in the process.

Most Vietnam-born Western Australians have experienced the grief of war and the terrible loss of family and friends.

The 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Black April is an occasion when our Vietnamese community honours and remembers loved ones who lost their lives in the Vietnamese War or in seeking refuge in Australia and other countries.

Western Australia has been fortunate to become home to a thriving, active and vibrant Vietnamese community, and has benefited substantially from the many contributions of our citizens of Vietnamese heritage.

The McGowan Government recognises cultural diversity as one of Western Australia's greatest strengths and values the key contributions made by the Vietnamese community to the State's development.

I send my best wishes to you all for the virtual commemoration of this important anniversary.

Mark McGowan MLA

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