



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 24-375

Adopt a resolution recognizing November 11, 2024, as **Veterans Day** in the County of Monterey) and to honor the service and sacrifice of the many Veterans who have safeguarded our Country,) and to recognize the Veteran Organizations who in turn serve those who served us.....)

WHEREAS, Throughout our Nation's history, brave men and women in uniform have answered to the call of duty to defend and protect our freedom; and

WHEREAS, The County of Monterey is home to approximately 18,000 veterans who form a vital part of our communities and workforce; and

WHEREAS, County residents have served in conflicts around the world, including in World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria; and

WHEREAS, Veterans have often faced challenges in transitioning to civilian life, including a lack of adequate support from their community and recognition for their service; and

WHEREAS, Women, minority, and underrepresented veterans have faced discrimination despite their sacrifice for their country; and

WHEREAS, County veterans continue to serve the community, including through American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, and other organizations dedicated to service; and

WHEREAS, The County is home to notable veteran organizations like the United Veterans Council, the Veterans Transition Center, and the Department of Veterans Affairs' Major General H. William Gourley VA-DOD Outpatient Clinic; and

WHEREAS, The County's Military and Veterans Affairs Office provides advocacy, assistance and services designed to enhance the lives of Monterey County Veterans and active-duty military personnel, their survivors, and families; and

WHEREAS, During FY24 the Military and Veterans Affairs Office filed 5,770 individual claim actions on behalf of 2,991 unique Veterans, to include 1,865 Disability Compensation and Pension claims; and

WHEREAS, During FY24, on behalf of veterans, the Military and Veterans Affairs Office garnered \$6,308,454 in retroactive disability payments and \$13,418,099 in annualized recurring monthly compensation payments; and

WHEREAS, The Military and Veterans Affairs Office waived \$1,906,860 in college tuition fees for 270 dependents of disabled veterans; and

WHEREAS, Armistice Day was initially celebrated in the United States on November 11, 1919, to recognize the end of World War I; and

WHEREAS, Armistice Day was renamed **Veterans Day** on June 1, 1954, in honor of all people who have served in the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, All County residents and all Americans owe our veterans an undying debt of gratitude.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, recognizes November 11, 2024, as **Veterans Day** in the County of Monterey and honors the extraordinary contributions and service of veterans and veteran organizations.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 22nd day of October 2024



Chair Supervisor Glenn Church

Vice Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez

Supervisor Luis Alejo

Supervisor Wendy Root Askew

Supervisor Mary L. Adams

