

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MEETING:	January 11, 2011	AGENDA NO.: 48
SUBJECT:	Adopt a resolution establishing protocols in the event of the death of a Monterey County resident, employee, or their family while serving on active duty in the military, directing the Military and Veteran's Affairs Officer to: a. Provide the County Medal to the family of the deceased; b. Issue letters of condolence and purchase flowers for the family on behalf of the Board of Supervisors; and c. Appeal, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, to the Governor of California for a proclamation that the National and State flags be flown at half-staff within the County of Monterey, following all protocols for lowering the flag.	
DEPARTMENT:	Military and Veterans Affairs Office	

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY

Adoption of this resolution will set and provide guidelines for the County to follow in the event of the death of a County of Monterey employee, resident or the immediate family member of such who die while serving on active duty in the Armed Forces.

DISCUSSION:

Five Monterey County residents serving on active duty in the Armed Forces have lost their lives since the beginning of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. The impacts of these deaths reverberate throughout the County of Monterey and are most keenly felt by the families of the fallen as well as other community members. The adoption of this resolution and the establishment of these protocols will show the depth of caring the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the citizens of the County, and acknowledge the sacrifices of the fallen and their families.


OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel has reviewed this report.

FINANCING:

Coordination with the County Administrative Office's Budget & Analysis Division to determine sources of payment/re-imbursement for the flowers sent to the families of the fallen active duty military Monterey County residents, employees or immediate family members, is forthcoming.

Prepared and approved by:



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Military and Veterans Affairs

Date: 12/29/10

cc: County Administrative Office