

Monterey County

Board Order

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Resolution No. 14-063

Upon motion of Supervisor Potter, seconded by Supervisor Armenta and carried by those members present, the Board of Supervisors hereby:

Adopted Resolution proclaiming Monterey County, California A Purple Heart County. (Supervisor Armenta)

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 22nd day of April 2014, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors Calcagno, Armenta, Salinas, Parker and Potter

NOES: None ABSENT: None

I, Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book 77 for the meeting on April 22nd, 2014.

Dated: April 24, 2014 File Number: CR 14-047 Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors County of Monterey, State of California

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Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the County of Monterey, State of California

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Resolution Proclaiming Monterey County,)
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Whereas, General George Washington, on August 7, 1782, by General Order, established the **Badge of Military Merit**, an award for exemplary service in the Continental Army during War of Independence which was the first military award of the independent colonies and the first award in western civilization designated specifically for the common soldiers and in 1932, with the assistance of General Douglas MacArthur, the Badge of Military Merit was revived and redesigned as the **Purple Heart**, a valor award for United States Army personnel; and

Whereas, in 1942 President Franklin D. Roosevelt, by Executive Order 9277, retroactive to December 6, 1941, expanded the awarding of the **Purple Heart** to members of all branches of the armed forces of the United States, and in November of 1952 President Harry S. Truman, in Executive Order 10409 retroactively extended eligibility for the **Purple Heart** to April 5, 1917 to cover World War 1 and on April 25, 1962, President John F. Kennedy, in Executive Order 11016 extended eligibility as well to any civilian national of the United States, who while serving under competent authority in any capacity with an armed force that had been wounded; and

Whereas, the people of the County of Monterey have great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served their country in the Armed Forces and have paid the high price of freedom by leaving their families and communities and placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

Whereas, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women from Monterey County who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedom and way of life enjoyed by our citizens, including the many men and women in uniform that have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces with many of our citizens of our community have earned the Purple Heart Medal as a result of being wounded while engaged in combat with enemy force, construed as singularly meritorious act essential service.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors proclaims Monterey County as a Purple Heart County honoring the service and sacrifice of our nation's men and women in uniform wounded or killed by the enemy while serving to protect the freedom enjoyed by all Americans and that Monterey County officially designates our County in remembering and recognizing veterans who are recipients of the Purple Heart Medals.

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AYES:

Supervisors Calcagno, Armenta, Salinas, Parker and Potter

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

None

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