

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt a resolution to recognize November 11, 2023, 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 19,500 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, and Afghanistan; 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 District is home to notable veteran organizations like the United Veterans Council, the Veterans Transition Center, and the Department of Veterans Affairs' Major General William H. 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 Fiscal Year 2023 the Military and Veterans Affairs office filed 6,149 individual claim actions on behalf of 3,040 unique veterans, to include 1,990 Disability Compensation and Pension claims; and

WHEREAS, During Fiscal Year 2023 the Military and Veterans Affairs Office's efforts on behalf of veterans garnered \$4,671,975 in retroactive disability payments and \$8,728,049 in recurring monthly compensation payments; and

WHEREAS, The Military and Veterans Affairs Office waived \$1,883,415 in college tuition fees for 241 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 on November 11, 1918; 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, 2023, as **Veterans Day** in the County of Monterey and honors the extraordinary contributions and service of veterans and veteran organizations.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2023, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Valerie Ralph, 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 _____ for the meeting on _____, 2023.

Dated:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California.

By _____
Deputy