

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

Resolution No.:

A Ceremonial Resolution to recognize November 11, 2025, 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 Dept. of Veterans Affairs' MG Gourley 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 FY25 the Military and Veterans Affairs Office filed 5,387 individual claim actions on behalf of 3,358 unique Veterans, to include 1,817 Disability Compensation and Pension claims; and

WHEREAS, during FY 25 the Military and Veterans Affairs Office's efforts on behalf of veterans garnered \$6,735,757 in retroactive disability payments and \$5,611,195 in annualized recurring monthly compensation payments; and

WHEREAS, the Military and Veterans Affairs Office waived \$1,812,314 in college tuition fees for 222 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, the residents of the County of Monterey have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces,

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties encourages all counties, parishes and boroughs to recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans; and

RESOLVED, with designation as a Green Light for Veterans County, the County of Monterey hereby declares from November 4th through Veterans Day, November 11th 2025 a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifices of our men and women in uniform transitioning from active service; therefore, be it further

RESOLVED, that in observance of Operation Green Light, the County of Monterey encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying green lights in a window of their place of business or residence from November 4th through the 12th, 2025.

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, 2025, 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 _____, 2025, 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 _____, 2025.

Dated:

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

By _____ Deputy