



Proclaiming

May 2024

Military Appreciation Month in Ventura County

Whereas, National Military Appreciation Month is celebrated every May to encourage citizens to observe the month as a symbol of unity and to honor current and former members of the U.S. Armed Forces, especially those who have died in the pursuit of freedom. There are five national observances which highlight the contributions of those who have served; and

Whereas, in 1999 Senator John McCain introduced Military Appreciation Month for the month of May which encourages Americans to reflect on the sacrifices made by soldiers, sailors, and all current and former military personnel; and

Whereas, May is an appropriate month for a military remembrance, since the month also includes VE Day, which commemorates the end of World War II in Europe, and culminates in Memorial Day, observed on the last Monday of May to honor veterans who died in service; and

Whereas, Military Spouse Appreciation Day, the Friday before Mother's Day, is a day to honor military spouses by recognizing the significant role military families play in keeping our Armed Forces strong; and

Whereas, Armed Forces Day is celebrated the third Saturday in May and is intended to thank our military members for their service to our country by honoring those serving in the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, and newly recognized Space Force, whether they are active duty, National Guard or Reserve; and

Whereas, Military Appreciation Month plays a crucial role in fostering awareness and understanding of the challenges faced by the military community. It provides a platform for education and dialogue about the experiences of service members, veterans, and their families.; and

Whereas, Military Appreciation Month honors everyone who has served in a branch of the U.S. military and reminds us that we owe many of our freedoms to the sacrifices made by military personnel; and


Whereas, over 40,000 residents of Ventura County have honorably served this country in every branch of military service. Today, it is our privilege to say "thank you" to these local veterans and to let them know how much we honor their service.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim May 2024 as Military Appreciation Month to honor the service men and women of the United States, past and present, especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice to keep this Nation "the land of the free and the home of the brave."

Presented on this 21st day of May 2024


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