



**Resolution
of
The Board of Supervisors of Ventura County
Proclaiming
November 11, 2020
Veterans Day in Ventura County**

WHEREAS, 2020 marks the 75th Anniversary of the signing of the instrument of surrender onboard the USS Missouri (BB63) marking an end to WWII. Veterans Day is a chance for Americans to recognize and show appreciation to the generations of servicemen and women who have stepped forward to serve our great country and defend our way of life; and

WHEREAS, throughout this Nation's history, the men and women who serve America as members of the military have bravely answered the call to defend our freedom, to aid our friends and allies, and to turn back aggressors; and

WHEREAS, our Nation can never fully repay our debt of gratitude to the more than 16 million American service members who served during WWII, approximately 5 million more than any other period of war combined. We must also acknowledge and remember both veteran and families of the 400,000 who died in battle and the 72,000 American remains still unaccounted for; and

WHEREAS, we can, however, stand together and recognize the 18 million veterans alive today through a show of gratitude and unity for their sense of duty to "establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty" for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, there are over 38,000 residents of Ventura County who have honorably served our country in every branch of military service, active, reserve and guard. Today, it is our privilege to acknowledge the contributions of our veterans and thank them for their service, especially today there are less than 300,000 WWII veterans alive and our time to recognize them is now;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim November 11, 2020 as Veterans Day to honor the service men and women of the United States, past and present, for keeping this Nation "the land of the free and the home of the brave".

Presented this 10th day of November 2020


Chair of the Board of Supervisors
Kelly Long, Supervisor 3rd District


Steve Bennett, Supervisor 1st District


Linda Parks, Supervisor 2nd District


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