

## Resolution of The Board of Supervisors of Ventura County

**Proclaims** 

## VETERANS DAY NOVEMBER 11, 2021

**Whereas**, 2021 marks the 76<sup>th</sup> 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 19 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 nearly 40,000 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, 2021 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 Ninth Day of November, 2021

Chair of the Board of Supervisors Linda Parks, Supervisor 2nd District

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