



County of Sonoma  
State of California

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Date: May 12, 2026

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**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of  
California, Honoring Veterans of the Armed Services and Recognizing and Honoring  
May 25, 2026, as Memorial Day In Sonoma County.**

**Whereas**, Memorial Day was first observed as Decoration Day on May 30, 1868, as an occasion to decorate the graves of Civil War soldiers; and

**Whereas**, after World War I, Decoration Day was expanded to honor service members killed in all of our nation's wars; and

**Whereas**, after World War II, Decoration Day became known as Memorial Day; and

**Whereas**, in 1971 Congress established Memorial Day as a federal holiday to be observed on the last Monday of May; and

**Whereas**, as we observe Memorial Day in 2026, it is important to reflect upon the contributions and sacrifices the individuals of our armed forces have made in upholding the principles of democracy and liberty while in service to our nation; and

**Whereas**, we can never fully repay our debt of gratitude to the heroic individuals who perished as a result of their service.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors do hereby recognize May 25, 2026, as Memorial Day and call upon all citizens to honor those who have lost their lives while serving to protect this great nation.

**Supervisors:**

Rabbitt:            Coursey:            Gore:            Hopkins:            Hermosillo:

Ayes:            Noes:            Absent:            Abstain:

**So Ordered.**