



COUNTY OF SONOMA

575 ADMINISTRATION
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SUMMARY REPORT

Agenda Date: 5/12/2026

To: Board of Supervisors

Department or Agency Name(s): Human Services

Staff Name and Phone Number: Angela Struckmann, 707-565-5800; Mark Orlando, 707-565-5900

Vote Requirement: Majority

Supervisorial District(s): Countywide

Recommended Action:

Adopt a Gold Resolution honoring veterans of the armed services by recognizing May 25, 2026, as Memorial Day in Sonoma County.

Executive Summary:

There are approximately 20,000 veterans in Sonoma County, as well as many families who have lost loved ones in service to our nation. This resolution to recognize May 25, 2026, as Memorial Day in Sonoma County is an acknowledgement of their sacrifices.

Discussion:

Memorial Day was first observed as Decoration Day on May 30, 1868, as an occasion to decorate the graves of Civil War Soldiers. After World War I, Decoration Day was expanded to honor service members who were killed in all of our nation's wars. After World War II, Decoration Day became known as Memorial Day, and in 1971, Congress established Memorial Day as a federal holiday to be observed on the last Monday in May.

As we observe this Memorial Day, it is important to reflect upon the contributions and sacrifices the men and women of our armed forces have made in upholding the principles of democracy and liberty while in service to our nation.

There are approximately 20,000 veterans and numerous family members of veterans living in Sonoma County. It is fitting to honor and commend the residents of Sonoma County, as well as those that served with military units based in Sonoma County, who were killed in the line of duty. We can never fully repay our debt of gratitude to the heroic individuals who perished as a result of their service.

Prior Board Actions:

Every year since May 2015, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors has recognized Memorial Day and honored Sonoma County Veterans for their service.

FISCAL SUMMARY

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

Not Applicable

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

Not Applicable

Attachments:

Resolution

Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:

None