



# County of Sonoma

## State of California

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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, 2020 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 Warr 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 2020, 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; and

**Whereas**, approximately 23,000 Veterans and numerous families who have lost loved ones in service to our nation reside in Sonoma County; and

**Whereas**, it is fitting to honor and commend the citizens of Sonoma County, as well as the men and women that served with military units based in Sonoma County, who were killed in the line of duty; and

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

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that Sonoma County Board of Supervisors do hereby recognize May 25, 2020, as Memorial Day and call upon all citizens to honor those men and women who have lost their lives while serving to protect this great nation.

**Supervisors:**

Rabbitt:

Zane:

Gore:

Hopkins:

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Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

**So Ordered.**