



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: May 14, 2019

Resolution Number: _____

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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 27, 2019, 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 2019, 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

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 27, 2019, 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:

Gorin: Zane: Gore: Hopkins: Rabbitt:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.