



Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

Department or Agency Name(s): Human Services

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Vote Requirement: Majority

Supervisory District(s): Countywide

Recommended Action:

Adopt a Gold Resolution honoring Veterans of the armed services and recognizing and honoring May 31, 2021, as Memorial Day in Sonoma County.

Executive Summary:

There are over 25,000 Veterans in Sonoma County, as well as many families who have lost loved ones in service to our nation. This resolution is an acknowledgement of their sacrifice.

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 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 of May.

While we observe Memorial Day in 2021, 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 over 25,000 Veterans and numerous family members who lost loved ones in service to our nation living in Sonoma County. 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. We can never fully repay our debt of gratitude to the heroic men and women who perished as a result of their service.

All active duty, veteran or retired military personnel and their dependents will be eligible for a waiver of the day use fee (\$7 per vehicle) at all Sonoma County Regional Parks during the 2021 Memorial Day weekend, Friday May, 28 through Monday, May 31, 2021, if open. All other County Park fees (e.g. camping, picnic area rental, etc.) would still apply.

Prior Board Actions:

Every year since May 2015, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors honors Sonoma County Veterans for their service:

May 19, 2020

May 14, 2019

May 22, 2018

May 23, 2017

May 16, 2016

May 19, 2015

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	FY 20-21 Adopted	FY 21-22 Projected	FY 22-23 Projected
Budgeted Expenses			
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures	0	0	0
Funding Sources			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal			
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			
Total Sources	0	0	0

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

None

Staffing Impacts:			
Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A-I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

None

Attachments:

Resolution declaring May 31, 2021 as Memorial Day in Sonoma County

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

None