



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 16, 2026, AS ARMED FORCES DAY IN NEVADA COUNTY

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of the men and women of the Armed Forces has been essential to preserving the freedoms and way of life we hold dear; and

WHEREAS, over the past century, tens of millions of Americans have answered the call to serve in the Armed Forces of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Armed Forces Day was created on August 31, 1949, by then-Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson following the unification of the Armed Forces under one Department of Defense by President Harry S. Truman; and

WHEREAS, this special day was established to unify separate military branch celebrations into one day of recognition and to increase public understanding of the Armed Forces' vital role in protecting our nation and supporting our democracy; and

WHEREAS, the first designated Armed Forces Day was celebrated on May 20, 1950; and

WHEREAS, Armed Forces Day is celebrated annually on the third Saturday in May, and it is the day Americans honor and recognize the dedication and sacrifice of those who serve and have served in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force, and Coast Guard; and

WHEREAS, the professionalism, dedication, and sacrifice of our service members, whether Active Duty, National Guard, or Reserve, safeguard the freedoms and prosperity we cherish and inspires hope around the world; and

WHEREAS, less than one percent of Americans serve in uniform, and the unmatched strength of the United States Armed Forces reflects the diversity and resilience of our nation; and

WHEREAS, as we pay tribute to those who serve, we also affirm our obligation to ensure that all qualified and willing Americans who wish to serve in the United States Armed Forces may do so openly and free from discrimination.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, California hereby proclaims May 16, 2026, as Armed Forces Day in Nevada County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the entire community is encouraged to show their support and gratitude to all who serve, and to honor the courage, sacrifice, and service of the men and women of the United States Armed Forces throughout the year.