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BOARD AGENDA MEMO

MEETING DATE: May 13, 2025

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Sue Hoek, District 4

SUBJECT: Resolution proclaiming May 17, 2025, as Armed Forces Day in Nevada County

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND: Armed Forces Day, observed annually on the third Saturday in May, is a time for Americans to honor and recognize the men and women who serve and have served in the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force, and Coast Guard. Armed Forces Day was established on August 31, 1949, by then-Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson and first celebrated on May 20, 1950. Armed Forces Day replaced individual branch observances to recognize the unified strength of our military under one Department of Defense.

Armed Forces Day specifically acknowledges those currently serving, as well as all who have served and sacrificed in defense of our nation, whether on Active Duty, in the National Guard, or in the Reserves. Over the past century, tens of millions of Americans have answered the call to serve, and their commitment has been essential to preserving the freedoms and way of life we hold dear. Less than one percent of our nation's population serves in uniform today, yet their impact is immeasurable. These individuals are true American heroes, voluntarily placing themselves in harm's way to protect democracy at home and abroad.

Armed Forces is a day to affirm our responsibility to ensure that all qualified Americans who wish to serve may do so openly and free from discrimination, to honor the courage, dedication, and sacrifices of those who serve and have served in our Armed Forces, and to recognize the vital role they play in safeguarding our nation.

To celebrate Armed Forces Day, the Nevada County Veteran Services Office will provide a presentation. The Veterans Services Office assists veterans, survivors and dependents in

obtaining Federal, State and local benefits accrued through active-duty military service. This presentation covers information about the history of Armed Forces Day, Nevada County's history of honoring service and its relationship with Beale Air Force Base, as well as the programs provided by the Veterans Service Office that assist military service members in transition. The presentation will include highlights from a SkillBridge program participant who will discuss the program and his experience. The presentation will also include recognition for Elise Strickler, Nevada County Chief Fiscal/Administrative Officer for Information and General Services Agency, who was awarded a Patriot Award from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR). The award recognized Elise for her leadership which has been instrumental in fostering a supportive environment for military personnel, consistently exceeding expectations, and embodying the true spirit of the Patriot Award.

Therefore, I urge the Board of Supervisors to adopt the attached Resolution proclaiming May 17, 2025, as Armed Forces Day in Nevada County.

Sincerely,

Sue Hoek
District 4 Supervisor
April 29, 2025