

# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

## RESOLUTION HONORING DONALD DENOYER AS VETERAN OF THE MONTH

WHEREAS, Donald DeNoyer served our country with distinction for 32 years in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Donald DeNoyer was deployed numerous times, in 2003 to Guantanamo Bay, in 2004 to Afghanistan and he also provided domestic assistance during the LA riots and the 2016 flooding in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Donald DeNoyer is a highly decorated soldier receiving over 43 different awards, including three Army Accommodation medals and thirteen Army Achievement Medals; and

WHEREAS, during his entry back into civilian life he was shocked at the lack of progress being made in reducing bullying in our school system; and

WHEREAS, in typical Donald DeNoyer fashion, he tackled the issue head-on, creating the anti-bullying and mentoring program called We All Rise; and

WHEREAS, the program was certified by none other than Harvard University and was set out for a trial run at Santa Maria High School where it was responsible for dropping the bullying rate by 80% in just three years; and

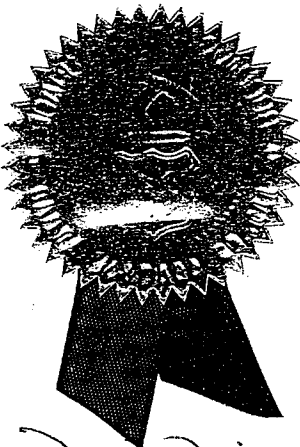
WHEREAS, Donald's program is now excelling in over fifty schools throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, Mr. DeNoyer has also written a book entitled Be Good, Be Kind, Be Nice, Be a Super Hero that is used to help elementary kids learn how to interact with others; and

WHEREAS, Donald is also a multiple discipline blackbelt, a famed MMA ring announcer and has also appeared in over 50 films, with his latest being a collaboration with Nicolas Cage called Memoirs of a Fighter about the issues veterans face on a daily basis;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that because of his commitment to our country and our youth, Donald DeNoyer is hereby being honored as Santa Barbara County's Veteran of the Month.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

*Monique Soto*  
Clerk of the Board

*Pat Williams*  
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Supervisor - 1st District

*Amy Hart*  
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Supervisor - 2nd District

*Joan Hartman*  
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Supervisor - 3rd District

*Bob Allen*  
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Supervisor - 4th District

*Stacy Swain*  
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Supervisor - 5th District