

## COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup> CALIFORNIA

AS NATIONAL WOMEN VETERANS DAY

WHEREAS, President Harry S. Truman signed into law the Integration Act on June 12, 1948, enabling women to serve as permanent, regular members of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Air Force; and

WHEREAS, women veterans are one of the fastest-growing demographics within the United States military and are expected to reach nearly 20 percent of the veteran population by 2045; and

WHEREAS, 'She Raised Her Hand', a collaborative initiative was formed in Santa Barbara County to provide opportunities for women veterans in Santa Barbara County to find community, purpose, and strength in their identity as veterans; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County is home to women veterans who have served our country with honor and dignity, often in dangerous situations, safeguarding our heritage and freedom while providing valuable service and expertise to our society; and

WHEREAS, women veterans have been leaders not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity but also at the forefront of numerous major progressive social change movements in history, paving the way for future generations to enjoy the unalienable rights, duties, and responsibilities afforded equally to all residents of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, each woman veteran is extraordinary in her own way, proving that women working inside the home or outside in academia, science, technology, business, labor, governance, and more, maintain critical roles in every sphere of society.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the County of Santa Barbara proclaims June 12th, 2024 as National Women Veterans Day.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, on this  $18^{th}$  day of June 2024, by unanimous vote of all members present.

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