

Resolution No. 2024 -

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 11, 2024 AS VETERANS DAY, A DAY TO HONOR OUR GREAT NATION'S VETERANS AND SERVICE MEMBERS

WHEREAS, since our great Nation's birth, our beloved America has been blessed with an infinite chain of patriotic heroes who have served or are serving our Armed Forces with honor and distinction; and from the forests of New England, to the halls of Montezuma, seas of the Philippines, skies of Europe, jungles of Vietnam, and deserts and mountains of Iraq and Afghanistan, numerous generations of brave warriors have valiantly fought over air, sea, and land in some of the most horrific conditions in history; and

WHEREAS, on Veterans Day, our beautiful and historic County of Solano pauses to honor and pay tribute to all who have served or are serving in our military because they have responded with resolve each time our values have come under assault, and their service, valor, and sacrifice have allowed our Republic to flourish, and our great Nation acknowledges our profound debt of gratitude to the patriots who have kept our Union whole; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Day originated as "Armistice Day" on November 11, 1919, on the first anniversary of the end of World War I on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month; then it became an annual observance in 1926, then a national holiday in 1938 when it officially became "Veterans Day" in 1954 – an inclusive day for our grateful Nation to pay appropriate homage to all veterans and service members; and

WHEREAS, we keep in mind the immeasurable cost of fighting for the American way of life by honoring the 1.3 million Americans who lost their lives since our great Nation's birth, as well as the approximately 18 million living veterans (2023) including 8.1 million who are 65 years and older, 1.5 million who are younger than 35, and 2 million who are women, and since the County of Solano is home to approximately 34,000 veterans, some of whom served in conflicts such as the Gulf War, Vietnam War, Korean War, and World War II, we honor and recognize their service, valor, sacrifice, and contributions; and

WHEREAS, we are mindful that no ceremony can fully repay our debt of gratitude to our service members and veterans, and we remember that our obligations endure long after the battle ends, and we must make it our mission to give them the respect and care they have earned so when they return home they can continue to serve our country in new ways, bringing their tremendous skills to our communities and to the workforce, and these honorable men and women should have the chance to contribute because their talents demand it and because no one who fights for our great Nation should have to fight again for dignity, health and social services, and for educational, housing, and employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Catherine McKenzie-Cook, a Fairfield High graduate and Solano County veteran, has been selected by the City of Fairfield to serve as the grand marshal of the Fairfield Veterans Day parade this year on November 11. McKenzie-Cook, was one of the first women admitted to the U.S. Air Force Academy, graduating in 1980, and serving 12 years of active duty, including six years in air traffic control, three years in the Air Force Reserve as part of the Combat Communications Command, and three years in the Reserves as part of the 162nd Communications Group outside McClellan Air Force Base. As a former District Representative for Supervisor Jim Spering, McKenzie-Cook has served on the Solano County Airport Land-Use Advisory Commission and is the current Airport Manager at Nut Tree Airport in Vacaville.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors does hereby salute on Veterans Day those who have served or are serving our Armed Forces, and we encourage everyone to recognize their service, valor, and sacrifice, and we call upon everyone to display the flag of the United States of America, to participate in patriotic activities in our communities, including civic and fraternal organizations, places of worship, schools, and communities to support this significant day with commemorative expressions and programs.

Dated this 5th day of November 2024

MITCH H. MASHBURN, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
BILL EMLLEN, Clerk
Solano County Board of Supervisors

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Alicia Draves, Chief Deputy Clerk