

# *Resolution No. 2018 -*

## **RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING MONDAY, MAY 28, 2018 AS MEMORIAL DAY, A DAY TO HONOR AMERICANS WHO DIED FIGHTING IN ANY WAR**

**WHEREAS**, Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day, a day when the graves of Civil War soldiers were cleaned and decorated. General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic first observed the holiday in 1868 when he declared: "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country"; and

**WHEREAS**, by the late 1800s, many American communities had begun to celebrate Memorial Day, and after World War I, observances began to honor those who had died in all of America's wars; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday to be celebrated the last Monday of every May; and

**WHEREAS**, most Americans remember the major wars, such as the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf War and the Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The citizens of Solano County have many hundreds of service members who have given their lives for our country who must be remembered and honored for all time; and

**WHEREAS**, Solano county is home to Travis Air Force Base whose service members put their lives in jeopardy daily for our freedoms; and

**WHEREAS**, Solano County has a large veteran population with many Veteran Service Organizations that have ceremonies honoring our veterans, who have sacrificed themselves for our way of life.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors encourages all citizens of this county to commemorate Memorial Day 2018 by attending one of these services and to honor these brave men and women and their families who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2018

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JOHN M. VASQUEZ, Chair  
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:  
BIRGITTA E. CORSELLO, Clerk  
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeanette Neiger, Chief Deputy Clerk