

Resolution No. 2025-

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COMMEMORATING THE 250TH BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY ON OCTOBER 13, 2025

WHEREAS, on October 13, 1775, the Continental Congress established the United States Navy, commissioning two armed vessels to intercept British supply ships, thus laying the foundation for what would become one of the most powerful and enduring maritime forces in history; and for 250 years, the United States Navy has safeguarded freedom of the seas, defended our nation's interests, and exemplified the highest standards of honor, courage, and commitment; and

WHEREAS, the County of Solano, holds a unique and distinguished place in naval history as the home of the Mare Island Naval Shipyard (MINS) - the first permanent U.S. Navy installation on the Pacific Coast - established in 1854 and serving as a vital center for shipbuilding, innovation, and national defense until 1996; and MINS contributed to every major conflict from the Civil War through the Cold War, launching and repairing thousands of vessels, including submarines and aircraft carriers, and employing generations of skilled workers, engineers, and service members whose legacy continues to shape our community; and

WHEREAS, the Navy's presence in Solano fostered a proud tradition of patriotism, economic vitality, and civic engagement, and its enduring influence is reflected in our city's culture, landmarks, and commitment to honoring Veterans, families, and organizations such as the Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) - Branch 8, US Submarine Veterans Inc. (USSVI) - Mare Island Base; The American Legion (TAL) Posts 550 & 603, Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 21, and Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 1123, TAL Unit 550 Auxiliary, Vallejo Navy League, Mare Island Historic Parks Foundation, Vallejo Naval & Historical Museum; and

WHEREAS, the 250th birthday of the United States Navy offers a moment to reflect on its storied past, honor its fallen, celebrate its Veterans and Servicemembers, and inspire future generations to carry forward its proud traditions and the highest standards of honor, courage, and commitment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors hereby commemorate the 250th birthday of the United States Navy, expressing our deepest gratitude to all who have served and continue to serve in its ranks; that we honor the legacy of Mare Island Naval Shipyard and its profound contributions to our city, our state, and our nation's defense; and as a testament to the valor, legacy, and enduring spirit of the United States Navy on this historic milestone.

Dated this 7th day of October 2025

MITCH H. MASHBURN, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
IAN M. GOLDBERG, Clerk
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Alicia Draves, Chief Deputy Clerk