

Resolution No. 2026-

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 12, 2026, AS JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS (JROTC) WEEK AND RECOGNIZING THE CADETS OF JESSE BETHEL HIGH SCHOOL'S NAVY JROTC PROGRAM IN SOLANO COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Program at Jesse Bethel High School has 97 cadets enrolled and is a youth citizen-leadership program that has been of great benefit to the young people of Solano County; and

WHEREAS, cadets at Jesse Bethel High School during the 2025–2026 school year contributed 597 hours of community service supporting the local community, as well as various veteran and nonprofit organizations, and an additional 297 hours in support of school activities, all while maintaining their academic responsibilities and actively participating in Junior ROTC events and other extracurricular program; and

WHEREAS, Jesse Bethel cadets have participated in numerous community and ceremonial events, including serving as a Color Guard for the inauguration of Solano County Sheriff Brad DeWall; providing Color Guard and other support for the Vallejo Special Olympics; conducting a flag-raising ceremony at the Springs of Napa Retirement Community; taking part in an Iwo Jima reenactment ceremony; marching in and assisting with setup for the Vallejo Christmas season Mad Hatter Parade; supporting a VFW Flag Retirement Ceremony; placing and retrieving U.S. flags at the gravesites of deceased veterans at local cemeteries for Veterans Day and Memorial Day; and volunteering at the Rebuilding Together Solano dinner, as well as serving as cleanup crew for several Vallejo Veterans Memorial Building crab feeds; and

WHEREAS, one Jesse Bethel High School cadet senior has been accepted to the University of San Diego and another to the University of California, Los Angeles on full Navy ROTC scholarships, joining a prior recipient at USD; and a former cadet is attending the United States Military Academy, while two attend the California State University Maritime Academy; and graduating seniors are continuing their service with three enlisting in the U.S. Navy, one in the U.S. Army, a recent graduate newly enlisted in the Navy, and three seniors earning U.S. Merchant Mariner Credentials; and

WHEREAS, the cadets at Jesse Bethel High School under the guidance and leadership of their dedicated instructors, Chief Petty Officer Ivery Hood, and Captain Ralph Ortolano, are diligently working toward acquiring the experience and knowledge to become involved and productive citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors proclaims the week of May 12, 2026, as Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) Week in Solano County and recognizes the outstanding JROTC program at Jesse Bethel High School and the fine accomplishments of the cadets and instructors.

Dated this 12th day of May 2026

MONICA BROWN, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

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

By: _____
Alicia Draves, Chief Deputy Clerk