

*The Board of Supervisors of  
Contra Costa County, California*

In the matter of:  
recognizing Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> as Gold Star Mother's Day

**Resolution No. 2018/487**

Whereas, Gold Star Mothers are those whose son or daughter died during active service in the United States military during a period of war or hostilities in which the Armed Forces of the United States were engaged; and

Whereas, their child either died in combat, in a hospital, death by suicide, on a training mission or at home while on leave from service, and

Whereas, the Gold Star Mothers are Moms, step-Moms, Grandmothers, Mother-in-Law, Guardians; and

Whereas, becoming a Gold Star Mom is a distinction none of the mothers or families ever wanted, but they accept this recognition since they are proud of their children and their service; and

Whereas, the tradition of the Gold Star began during World War I, where during the early days of the war blue star flags was hung in homes and business to honor an active duty member, as individuals were killed in combat a gold star was superimposed on the blue star to honor the individual for their sacrifice and eventually the moms of those with a gold star became known as the Gold Star Mothers; and

Whereas, since then, Gold Star Mothers and families raise funds for veterans, active-duty service members and their families, as well as other Gold Star families; and

Whereas, the Gold Star Mothers are active year-round and serve our veterans community by visiting veterans at the VA Martinez Outpatient Clinic and Center for Rehabilitation and Extended Care and letting them know they are honored and not forgotten, remembering them on their birthdays and holidays; and

Whereas, they have also been supportive of the Veteran's Court, sit on committees and boards which provide healing, training, coaching, recognition, counseling and career placement for our veterans; and

Whereas, Gold Star Mothers are advocates: they meet with civic leaders and raise awareness of our nation's current military men and women; and

Whereas, since 1936, Gold Star Mother's Day has been observed in the United States on the last Sunday of September each year.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County recognizes Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> as Gold Star Mother's Day and honors our Gold Star Mothers for their work and service to the veterans, active military and their families in our community.

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**KAREN MITCHOFF**  
Chair, District IV Supervisor

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**JOHN GIOIA**  
District I Supervisor

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District II Supervisor

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District III Supervisor

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**FEDERAL D. GLOVER**  
District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an  
action taken  
and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on  
the date  
shown.

ATTESTED: September 25, 2018

David J. Twa,

By: \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy