The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2021/374

Recognizing Veterans Day and honoring the veterans of Contra Costa County.

Whereas, on November 11, 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the first commemoration of Armistice Day; and

Whereas, in 1938, an act was passed to make November 11th a Federal Holiday dedicated to the cause of world peace and would be known as Armistice Day; and

Whereas, in 1954, a new act was passed which changed the name from Armistice Day to Veterans Day and it has been celebrated ever since; and

Whereas, on Veterans Day, we pay tribute to the service and sacrifice of the men and women who in defense of our freedom have bravely worn the uniform of the United States; and

Whereas, our veterans have defended our nation's ideals established by our founding fathers, protected the innocent, and liberated the oppressed from tyranny and terror; and

Whereas, the freedom and security enjoyed by Americans is the direct result of the sacrifices of those who have served and who are serving in our Armed Forces; and

Whereas, our veterans have served with honor, courage, and commitment in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Operation Desert Storm, Afghanistan, Iraq, and other military actions protecting our freedoms; and

Whereas, 2021 marks the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks on the Twin Towers and the Pentagon and the start of the Global War on Terrorism; and

Whereas, the Global War on Terrorism sent troops to both Afghanistan and Iraq shaped the experiences of multiple generations of veterans; and

Whereas, the War on Terrorism veterans served with honor and devotion and made the world safer, your sacrifices and courage will not be forgotten by our community;

Whereas, our veterans who were once leaders in the Armed Forces, are now pioneers of industry and pillars of their communities. Their character reflects our enduring American spirit, and in their example, we find inspiration and strength; and

Whereas, many of our veterans continue to serve one another through the over 20 veteran services organizations throughout Contra Costa County that continue to provide invaluable services to our veterans: assistance with health claims, job training programs, community support, mental health services, and countless hours of volunteer services throughout our communities; and

Whereas, we will never forget the heroes who have made the ultimate sacrifice and all those who have not yet returned home.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby recognize and honor the men and women of our country, who have served, and who are serving, in our Armed Forces of the United States in observance of Veterans Day 2021.

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Chair, District III Supervisor **JOHN GIOIA CANDACE ANDERSEN** District I Supervisor District II Supervisor KAREN MITCHOFF FEDERAL D. GLOVER District IV Supervisor 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: November 9, 2021 Monica Nino, County Administrator

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