

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2022/371

In the Matter of Recognizing November 13th, 2022, the 40th Anniversary of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the Washington Mall

Whereas on November 13, 1982, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was officially opened, keeping a veteran's commitment to never forget those who served and gave their lives during the Vietnam War; and Whereas the key element of architect Maya Lin's design is the shiny black granite wall in a wide "V" shape that continues to be a symbol of enduring legacy healing and of education; and

Whereas the two 200-foot-long sections that make up the wall contain more than 58,000 names listed in chronological order by the date of their death and begin and end at the center of the memorial where the two sections meet; and

Whereas one section of the wall is directed toward the Lincoln Memorial, and the other section is toward the Washington Memorial; and

Whereas 70 separate panels make up each section of the "V" shape

Whereas the Vietnam Veterans Memorial soon became one of the most visited memorials in the nation's capital with nearly five million visitors a year; and

Whereas the faces of visitors are reflected in the wall, connecting with those who died in combat or are listed as missing in action during the war; and

Whereas about 2.7 million US service members served in Vietnam; and

Whereas the United States military involvement in the Vietnam war officially began on August 5, 1964; and

Whereas during the war more than 58,000 US military members lost their lives and 153,000 were wounded; and

that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors hereby recognize November 13th, 2022, the 40th anniversary of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and thank all those who fought to protect our freedoms, and to those who marched against the war and served to promote healing after the war's end.

KAREN MITCHOFF

Chair, District IV Supervisor

JOHN GIOIA

District I Supervisor

CANDACE ANDERSEN

District II Supervisor

DIANE BURGIS

District III Supervisor

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: November 8, 2022

Monica Nino, County Administrator

By: _____, Deputy

