

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

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

Resolution No. 2022/371

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; and

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

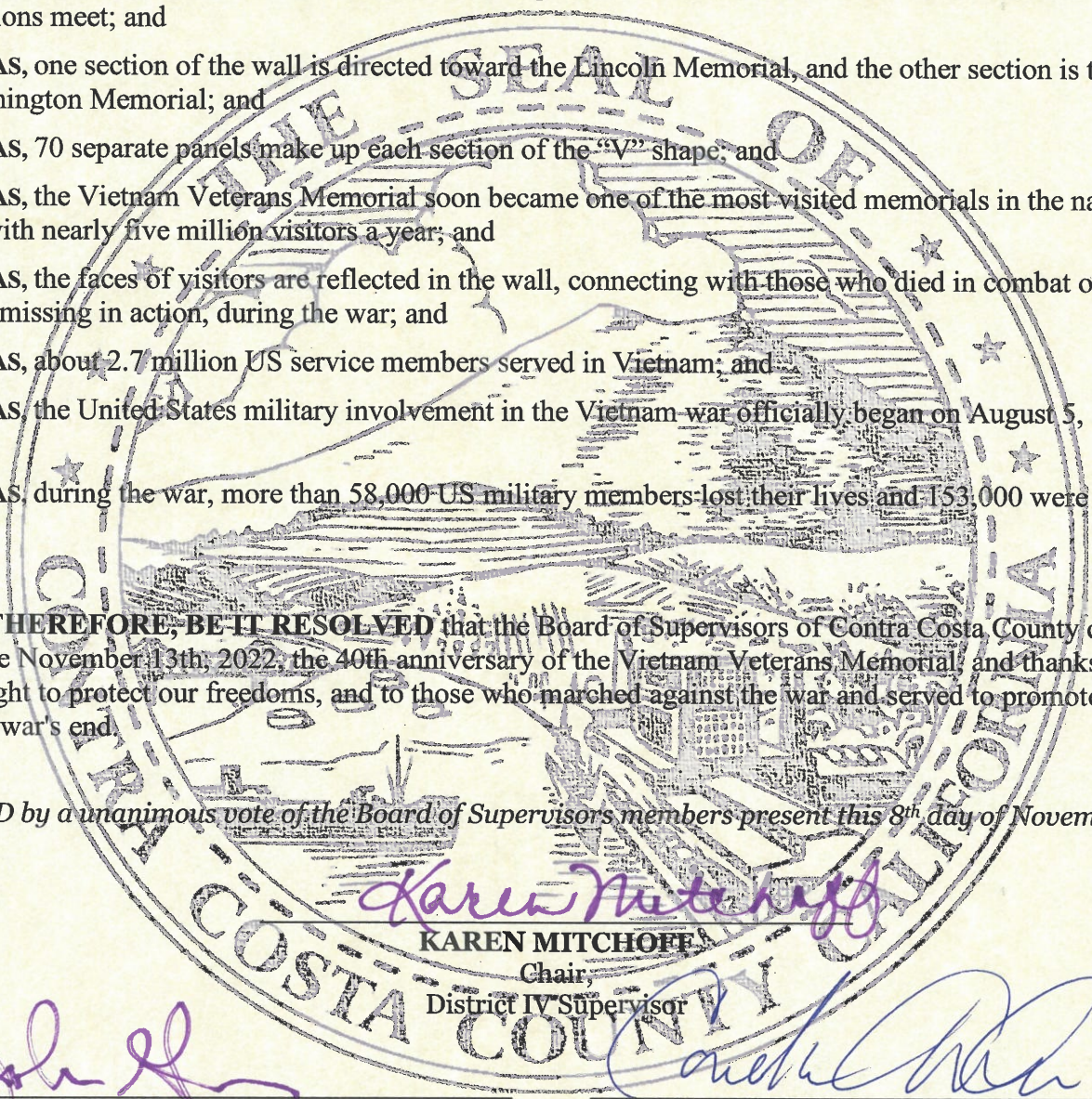
WHEREAS, about 2.7 million US service members served in Vietnam; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby recognize November 13th, 2022, the 40th anniversary of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and thanks 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.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 8th day of November 2022.



Karen Mitchoff

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Chair,
District IV Supervisor

John Gioia

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District I Supervisor

Candace Andersen

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District II Supervisor

Diane Burgess

DIANE BURGIS
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: November 8, 2022

MONICA NINO, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

By *Antonia*, Deputy

