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May 21, 2019

D-DAY REMEMBRANCE DAY

The D-Day 75; Los Angeles Task Force (Task Force) is a joint city/county program to create awareness and education surrounding the events that took place 75 years ago, as well as honoring and remembering County residents who took part in one of history's greatest logistical accomplishments. The Task Force will be co-chaired by the Director of Military and Veterans Affairs of Los Angeles County, Retired General Ruth Wong, the City of Los Angeles Director of Military and Veterans Affairs, Captain Lawrence Vasquez, and the Director of Los Angeles National Cemetery, Tom Ruck. The Task Force will be comprised of various stakeholders of the Los Angeles area and will invite all interested parties to partake in honoring this momentous anniversary. Members of the Task Force will include representatives from the Los Angeles Consular Corp, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Hollywood Film industry.

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The historical aspect will be represented by the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) and the University of Southern California (USC), as well as the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), members of the museum district, and the USS Iowa. The music component will be headed by the Los Angeles Philharmonic, as well as representation from the United Services Organization (USO), and many other entities. The goal of the Task Force is to create a welcome attitude towards participation.

WE, THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

- 1. Proclaim Thursday, June 6, 2019, as D-Day Remembrance Day;
- 2. Instruct the Military and Veterans Affairs Director in collaboration with the City of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles National Cemetery and key community veteran stakeholders that this 75th Anniversary be observed with programs, ceremonies, and activities that honor those who fought and sacrificed their lives so that men and women they had never met would know freedom; and
- Order that on June 6, 2019, all flags throughout the County be flown at half-staff on D-Day in memory of those Americans who lost their lives for our freedom.

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