

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HILDA L. SOLIS

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Proclaiming June 12, 2023 as “Women Veterans Day”

Women have served in America’s wars and conflicts throughout our nation’s history. During World War I, about 35,000 women between 21 and 69 served overseas. Most were nurses, but others served as administrators, secretaries to telephone operators, and architects. In World War II, 140,000 women served in the Women’s Army Corps performing critical roles, such as military intelligence, cryptography, and parachute rigging. Currently there are almost two-million women Veterans in the United States.

On June 12, 2018, Women Veterans Day, also known as Women Veterans Recognition Day or Women Veterans Appreciation Day, was first celebrated statewide in California, Hawaii, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Wisconsin, to commemorate the 70th anniversary of when President Harry S. Truman signed into law the Women’s Armed Services Integration Act on June 12, 1948. The Women’s Armed Services Integration act granted women the right to serve as permanent, regular members, of the

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United States Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force and Coast Guard.

In order to celebrate future Women Veterans Days, the county should recognize the service and contributions of women Veterans and women in the military, and to raise awareness of the responsibility to treat women Veterans with dignity and respect.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors proclaim June 12, 2023 as Women Veterans Day, encouraging the county to celebrate the long lineage of women who have answered the call to serve.

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