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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KATHRYN BARGER November 10, 2026

RECOGNIZING THE 251ST BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

November 10, 2026 marks the 251st birthday of the United States Marine Corps, honoring more than two and a half centuries of service, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment to defending our nation.

Founded in 1775, the Marine Corps traces its origins to Tun Tavern in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where Captain Samuel Nicholas established the first Marine recruiting headquarters. Since its founding, the Marine Corps has developed into one of the nation's premier expeditionary fighting forces, prepared to respond to conflicts and crises around the world.

Throughout its history, the Marine Corps has played a pivotal role in some of the nation's most consequential military engagements. From the shores of Tripoli and the Battle of Belleau Wood to the Pacific campaigns of World War II, including Guadalcanal and Iwo Jima, Marines have demonstrated extraordinary courage, determination, and resilience in the face of adversity.

That legacy continued through the Korean War, where Marines endured brutal conditions at the Chosin Reservoir, the Vietnam War, and more recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. Across generations, Marines have adapted to changing threats while maintaining their commitment to defending the nation and those who serve alongside them.

The Marine Corps' proud traditions are rooted in its core values of honor, courage, and commitment, and embodied in its motto, Semper Fidelis, meaning "Always Faithful." Throughout its history, the Marine Corps has sought "a few good men," a call to service that has evolved to reflect the men and women who proudly serve in its ranks today. Known as "The Few. The Proud. The Marines." they embody the determination, discipline, and resolve to fight and win in defense of our nation.

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Los Angeles County is home to generations of Marines, veterans, and military families who have made significant contributions to the nation's defense and the well-being of their communities. Many continue their commitment to service through careers in public safety, government, education, community organizations, and other fields, bringing the values and leadership developed during their military service into civilian life.

As the Marine Corps celebrates its 251st birthday, Los Angeles County honors the generations of Marines who have answered the call to serve, remembers those who made the ultimate sacrifice, and recognizes the enduring contributions of Marines and their families throughout our communities.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Proclaim November 10, 2026, as "United States Marine Corps Day" throughout Los Angeles County in recognition of the Marine Corps' 251st birthday; and

2. Honor and recognize all Marines, past and present, for their distinguished service, sacrifice, and contributions to our nation and the communities of Los Angeles County.

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