

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

ACKNOWLEDGING VETERANS DAY FOR 2024, HONORING SAN  
MATEO COUNTY VETERANS, AND RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF  
+MORE PERFECT UNION

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WHEREAS, each year, November 11<sup>th</sup> is set aside to mark and honor the service, sacrifice, and contributions of those who have served in all branches of our Nation’s Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the armistice that ended the First World War went into effect at the beginning of the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of the year 1918, and one year later, on November 11, 1919, the first commemoration of Armistice Day took place to honor the heroism of those who served in the First World War, and Armistice Day became a national holiday in 1938; and

WHEREAS, in 1954, in recognition of the sacrifice of servicemembers in the Second World War and in the Korean War, the United States Congress renamed November 11<sup>th</sup> “Veterans Day,” which is now a day to honor the service of all veterans; and

WHEREAS, we honor the service of the over 20,0000 veterans who live in San Mateo County, and who have served in peace and in war dating back to the Second World War, and who are drawn from all races, creeds, and walks of life and many of whom were born in other countries; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the unique challenges many veterans face upon returning to civilian life, including mental health issues, substance use, lack of employment opportunities, housing insecurity, and homelessness, and we commit to supporting initiatives that address these challenges; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge and pledge our support to the work of the County Veterans Services Office; the San Mateo County Veterans Commission; and the many veterans services active in San Mateo County, including the American Legion, American Veterans (AMVETS), Blue Star Moms, College of San Mateo Student Veterans of America, Disabled American Veterans, the Marine Corps League, Peninsula Veterans Lions Club, Skyline Student Veterans of America, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Vietnam Veterans of America; and

WHEREAS, given their unique experiences and service ethos, veterans are especially well positioned to help address schisms and hyper-partisanship in our communities; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge and lift up the work of +More Perfect Union, a veteran-founded and veteran-led organization that seeks to advance civility and strengthen our nation by bringing community members of all backgrounds and views together, engaging them in conversations and dialogue, and forging common bonds by uniting individuals around agreed goals for the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California hereby acknowledges Veterans Day for 2024, honors all San Mateo County veterans and the service organizations that support them, recognizes the work of +More Perfect Union in fostering civility and building stronger communities, and urges all San Mateo County residents to join us in saluting and supporting all who have served our Nation in uniform.

Dated: November 12, 2024

SUPERVISORS:

WARREN SLOCUM, PRESIDENT

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Attest: Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors