



## PLACER COUNTY

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### Memorandum

**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Rick Buckman, County Veterans Service Officer

**Date:** April 23, 2009

**Subject:** Memorial Day Resolution-

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### Action Requested/Recommendation

Accept Resolution to honor Placer County War Dead on Memorial Day.

### Background

Shortly after the Civil War various communities established a "Decoration Day" to honor soldiers who had fallen in battle. One hundred years later Congress made it a national holiday and in 1971 Congress renamed this National holiday "Memorial Day" to honor those fallen in battle from all wars.

### Fiscal Impact

None.

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Before the Board of Supervisors  
County of Placer, State of California

In the matter of: A Resolution to Honor  
Placer County War Dead On Memorial Day

Resol. No: \_\_\_\_\_

"...From these honored dead, we take increased devotion to that cause, for which they gave that last full measure of dedication; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain."

...Abraham Lincoln

The following Resolution was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_

by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

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Chairman, Board of Supervisors

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Attest:  
Clerk of said Board

WHEREAS, far too often, our nation as a whole takes for granted the freedoms Americans enjoy. Those freedoms were paid for with the lives of others that few of us actually knew, and

WHEREAS, more than 1.1 million Americans have lost their lives in some 85 wars and assorted military actions over the past 234 years. Most of these casualties occurred in a dozen or so major wars, but that does not lessen the sacrifice of those killed in the numerous - and mostly forgotten - minor expeditions in the far-flung corners of the globe, and

WHEREAS, whenever any American in uniform is killed by hostile action it is meaningful, and that loss must be remembered and forever recognized; America's Collective consciousness demands that all citizens recall and be aware of the deaths of their fellow countrymen during wartime, and

WHEREAS, shortly after the Civil War various communities established a "Decoration Day" to honor soldiers who had fallen in battle. One hundred years later Congress made it a national holiday, and in 1971 Congress renamed this national holiday "Memorial Day" to honor those fallen in battle from all wars.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer endorses the national holiday "Memorial Day" on 25 May 2009 to recognize and honor those residents of Placer County who died defending America,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Placer County join with the rest of the nation in recognizing all those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country; in paying tribute to those who dedicated their lives so that our republic may endure; and in honoring those who gave their lives in the nation's wars so that the rest of us can live in freedom.

