

**MAY 5, 2015 IN THE MATTER OF A PROCLAMATION
RECOGNIZING MAY 16, 2015 AS ARMED FORCES DAY IN
PLACER COUNTY**

WHEREAS, In 1947, President Harry S. Truman signed the National Security Act into law, unifying "four branches of the military under a single executive authority, the Secretary of Defense"; and

WHEREAS, on August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense, Louis Johnson established "Armed Forces Day" which created a single holiday honoring those serving in the U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marines Corp, U.S. Air Force and U.S. Coast Guard; and is celebrated annually on the third Saturday of May; and

WHEREAS, the theme of the first Armed Forces Day was "Teamed for Defense" to express unification of all the military forces under a single department of the government. Armed Forces Day expanded public awareness of the role of the military to the civilian population they protected, and it was a day to honor and acknowledge Americans serving in the Armed Forces of the United States; and

WHEREAS, on the first Armed Forces Day, President Harry S. Truman proclaimed "Armed Forces Day on May 20, 1950, marks the first combined demonstration by America's defense team of its progress, under the National Security Act, towards the goal of readiness for any eventuality. It is the first parade of preparedness by the unified forces of our land, sea, and air defense"; and

WHEREAS, in observance of Armed Forces Day on May 16, 2015, the local chapter of the Blue Star Mothers of America is hosting the *Honor Those Who Serve – Armed Forces Day Gala* on Friday, May 15, 2015 at the Timber Creek Ballroom in Roseville. Proceeds will be used to ship care packages to U.S. Soldiers serving overseas, to help support Veteran organizations and to honor Gold Star family members.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN, that the Placer County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the citizens of Placer County does hereby proclaim May 16, 2015 as Armed Forces Day in the County of Placer to honor our military and their families for their patriotic service in support of our Nation.

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