



BILL HORN

SUPERVISOR, FIFTH DISTRICT
SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

AGENDA ITEM

DATE: May 21, 2003
TO: Board of Supervisors
SUBJECT: MEMORIAL DAY RESOLUTION (District: All)

SUMMARY:

Overview

Memorial Day is an opportunity to pay tribute to the brave men and women of our nation who paid with their lives so that we might enjoy the freedom they so valiantly preserved for us. Support of the Memorial Day Resolution will assist citizens throughout San Diego County to understand the true significance of the day.

Recommendation(s)

SUPERVISOR HORN:

1. Adopt the Resolution in honor of Memorial Day to honor those who have fallen in service to their country.
2. Direct the CAO to draft a letter for Chair's signature to be sent with a copy of the Resolution to all San Diego School Districts and Veterans' organizations.

Fiscal Impact

None

Background: Every generation of Americans has been called upon to defend liberty and free the oppressed. To die for America in battle for the cause of liberty is the greatest example of patriotism. When we remember the ultimate sacrifice, there are images of cemeteries with row upon row of white crosses over the graves of men and women who died in the service of their country. There are also countless others who were buried at sea or on the field of battle.

Let us always remember that the staggering number of American war dead came one life at a time. We should never forget the pain and sorrow that was felt after each life was lost. We should never forget that each of those fallen warriors had the courage and love of country to answer duty's call. We should always remember that what has been secured for us, came because others were willing to die.

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I encourage all of us to take a moment this Memorial Day, May 26, 2003 and pay our respects to those who gave the last full measure to preserve our freedom.

Respectfully submitted,

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Supervisor, Fifth District

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, May 26, 2003 marks the 135th year that the memory of nearly two million patriots who gave their lives in the service of our nation has been honored; and

WHEREAS, the first tribute honoring our war dead was reportedly held in Waterloo, New York on May 5, 1866 when businesses in that city closed and the graves of fallen Union soldiers were decorated with flowers; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Decoration Day, which officially became Memorial Day in 1882, has served as an important salute to the military dead from all America's wars; and

WHEREAS, today we recall those hallowed places where our departed heroes left their mark in history—Bull Run, Gettysburg, the Argonne, Omaha Beach, Pork Chop Hill, the Ia Drang Valley, Beirut, Panama, Persian Gulf and now, "Operation Iraqi Freedom" as we continue the war against terrorism; and

WHEREAS, the Veteran's Memorial Day Conference Committee, a group of delegates from all veteran and patriotic organizations, has organized Memorial Day Services in San Diego County for 103 years, and deserves a special commendation for its continued devotion on this 103rd year; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Diego officially recognizes the observance of Memorial Day 2003 at Fort Rosecrans, as well as 117 other Veterans Administration National Cemeteries throughout the United States; **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY** Chairman Greg Cox and all members of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, on this 21st day of May, 2003 that, in honor of those who so willingly and bravely sacrificed their lives while protecting and serving our country, do hereby declare May 26, 2003 to be "SAN DIEGO COUNTY MEMORIAL DAY" throughout San Diego County

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AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET

CONCURRENCE(S)

COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Written Disclosure per County Charter Section 1000.1 Required	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
GROUP/AGENCY FINANCE DIRECTOR	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Requires Four Votes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
GROUP/AGENCY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
COUNTY TECHNOLOGY OFFICE	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Other Concurrence(s): [Click here and type, or type N/A if not applicable]

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: [Click here & type]

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