



# **BILL HORN**

**CHAIRMAN  
SUPERVISOR, FIFTH DISTRICT  
SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

## **AGENDA ITEM**

**DATE:** Tuesday, November 6, 2001

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**SUBJECT:** Resolution celebrating Veterans Day, November 11, 2001 and designating the week of November 11 through November 17, 2001 as Veterans Awareness and Appreciation Week in San Diego County.

### **SUMMARY:**

#### **Overview**

In recognition of the selfless contributions our veterans have made in securing and preserving our nation's freedom, this is to request approval of a Resolution celebrating Veterans Day, November 11, 2001 and designating the week of November 11 through November 17, 2001 as Veterans Awareness and Appreciation Week in San Diego County.

#### **Recommendation(s)**

##### **CHAIRMAN HORN:**

1. Approve the Resolution celebrating Veterans Day, November 11, 2001 and designating the week of November 11 through November 17, 2001 as Veterans Awareness and Appreciation Week in San Diego County.
2. Direct the CAO to prepare a cover letter for the Chairman to sign enclosing the Resolution to veterans organizations throughout San Diego County.
3. Direct the CAO to prepare a cover letter for the Chairman to sign enclosing the Resolution to San Diego County and City Elementary and Secondary Schools.

#### **Fiscal Impact**

N/A

#### **Business Impact Statement**

N/A

#### **Advisory Board Statement**

N/A

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**BACKGROUND:**

Celebrating the ending of World War I hostilities at 11 a.m. on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month, 1918 eventually came to be known as Armistice Day. Shortly after Congressional action made Armistice Day a national holiday, World War II broke out in Europe forever ending the dream that World War I would be the “war to end all wars”.

Of the 16 million Americans who served in the armed forces during World War II, more than 400,000 died. U. S. Representative Edward H. Rees of Kansas proposed legislation changing Armistice Day to Veterans Day to honor all those who have served America in all wars and in 1954, President Eisenhower signed the bill proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day calling upon Americans everywhere to rededicate themselves to the cause of peace.

On August 3, 2001 U.S. Senate Resolution 143 designated “the week of November 11, 2001 through November 17, 2001 as ‘National Veterans Awareness Week’ for the purpose of emphasizing educational efforts directed at elementary and secondary school students concerning the contributions and sacrifices of veterans.”

In San Diego County we are honored with over 280,000 veterans who have served to protect our freedom, with the largest number of military retirees anywhere in the nation among their ranks.

It is with gratitude and in recognition of our veterans of all wars, that I urge my fellow Board members to adopt the Resolution celebrating Veterans Day, November 11, 2001 and designating the week of November 11 through November 17, 2001 as Veterans Awareness and Appreciation Week in San Diego County.

Respectfully submitted,

BILL HORN  
Chairman  
Supervisor, Fifth District

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**AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET**

**CONCURRENCE(S)**

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

**Other Concurrence(s):** N/A

**ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:** District 5

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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The services of the over 280,000 veterans in San Diego County in protecting our freedom, and the hardships endured by their families, are recognized by the citizens of our County with the deepest sense of gratitude; and

WHEREAS, Within our veteran population, San Diego County is home to the largest number of military retirees anywhere in the nation; and

WHEREAS, The County continues to look to its veterans as leaders, carrying their patriotism and concern for others far beyond the battlefield, participating in all levels of government, community groups, charitable organizations and voluntary service programs; and

WHEREAS, Across the County, individual veterans and veteran associations are helping provide healthcare for their ill and disabled colleagues; continuing to make progressive strides in resolving the plight of homeless veterans; and fostering in young people a genuine love of country and a profound sense of personal duty, honor, and civic responsibility; and

WHEREAS, The County of San Diego continues to urge all local employers, organized labor, veteran organizations and other government leaders to support the effort to increase employment opportunities for the men and women who have faithfully served our nation in the military; and

WHEREAS, The County of San Diego, in order to provide ongoing advocacy to the veteran community, reestablished the County Veterans Service Office in 1978, which has been recognized for five years in a row by the State Department of Veteran Affairs as the top County Veterans Service Office in the State in productivity; and

WHEREAS, Today many of our veterans are being recalled to active duty in the armed forces to fight the scourge of terrorism that has invaded our Country and in obeying the call, once again display their unswerving love of country and allegiance to a free republic; and

WHEREAS, The County of San Diego owes the veterans of this County and this nation a tremendous debt of gratitude for their commitment to keeping the peace and ensuring the public safety and well-being and their willingness to sacrifice their lives for their country; and

WHEREAS, The shadows of their wars may grow longer, our veterans' sacrifices for freedom still shine in our hearts and illuminate every corner of America

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the San Diego County Board of Supervisors calls on all County citizens to celebrate Veterans Day, November 11, 2001 by flying the American flag; and also designating the week of November 11 through November 17, 2001 as Veterans Awareness and Appreciation Week in the County of San Diego County, encouraging all elementary and secondary schools to work with the County Office of Veterans Affairs to provide history and background to give their students and our future leaders a clear understanding of the sacrifices that have made their freedom possible.