



## **PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF INYO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 11, 2022 AS VETERANS DAY**

**WHEREAS**, America's veterans have fought to defend our country, its values, and its interests since the first days of our founding; they have defeated tyrants, eliminated terrorists, and secured freedom at home and abroad, and their courage and fortitude in the face of adversity serve as an example for all Americans;

**WHEREAS**, our veterans represent the best of America, and they deserve the best America can provide them; and

**WHEREAS**, to recognize and respect the contributions our service men and women have made in defense of America, and to advance the cause of peace, the Congress has provided, as outlined in 5 U.S.C. 6103(a), that November 11th of each year shall be set aside as a legal public holiday to recognize all of America's veterans – living or dead; and

**WHEREAS**, almost 33 million American men and women have bravely served their nation during World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the War on Terrorism; and

**WHEREAS**, these Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen selflessly placed lives, well-being, and security of others before their own so that we may enjoy the privileges of peace, prosperity, and freedom – and we are forever indebted to them beyond measure; and

**WHEREAS**, for their love of country and dedication to duty, America's veterans have endured adversity, loneliness, fatigue, loss, and made many other incredible sacrifices; and

**WHEREAS**, many veterans suffered life-altering physical injuries and disabilities, while others bear the burden of emotional and psychological scars for the remainder of their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, our Nation's veterans fully understand liberty's high and precious cost, for they have paid it every day since the formation of our Republic; and

**WHEREAS**, 18.2 million living veterans served during at least one war as of 2018, and these military men and women come from all walks of life; they are parents, children, grandparents, friends, neighbors, and coworkers, and are an important part of their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, we owe all veterans our unending gratitude and the promise to never forget their faithful, humble, and valiant service in times of war and peace or their sacrifices, we also must do our utmost to support those military service personnel returning home to live productive civilian lives; and

**WHEREAS**, tragically, an average of 20 veterans and service members die by suicide each day, and our Nation must make the mental health and welfare of our veterans a top priority; and

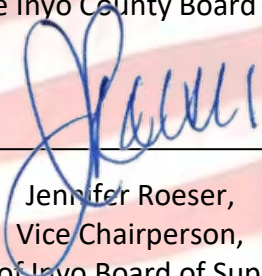
**WHEREAS**, organizations such as the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign War, and Veterans Service Officers, help ensure that veterans are respected for their service, always receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country; and

**WHEREAS**, in Inyo County, veterans receive support, camaraderie, advocacy, and recognition from the Bishop and Lone Pine VFW Posts and Ladies Auxiliaries, the Bishop, Big Pine, and Independence American Legion Posts and Ladies Auxiliaries, and the Inyo County Veterans Service Office.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, the Inyo County Board of Supervisors does hereby and gratefully honor the valor, sacrifice, and dutiful service of our Nation's veterans, past and present, by recognizing November 11, 2022 as Veterans Day in Inyo County; shares its appreciation for all the work being done by Inyo County's veterans organizations and the VSO; and calls upon the people of Inyo to participate in community service in honor of our veterans, to support efforts to provide for and improve the well-being of our military service men and women, and to never take our hard-fought freedoms for granted.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED** the Inyo County Board of Supervisors recognizes the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bishop VFW Post 8988 and supports its plan to rename the post in honor of the late Col. Robert "Bob" Waggoner, a decorated veteran, former Prisoner of War, and community advocate.

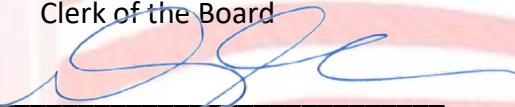
**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 2022, by the Inyo County Board of Supervisors.



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Jennifer Roeser,  
Vice Chairperson,  
County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

Attest: **NATE GREENBERG**  
Clerk of the Board

By: 

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Assistant Clerk of the Board