

PROCLAMATION
OF THE
MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RECOGNIZING
DECEMBER 15, 2018 as
National Wreaths Across America Day
In Mendocino County

WHEREAS, a Wreaths Across America Day will be held for the fifth year in Mendocino County as an undertaking of the Ukiah Shamrock, Redwood Valley-Calpella, Potter Valley, Fort Bragg, Mendocino Spartans, Round Valley, and Willits 4-H Clubs and Willits FFA; the Hopland American Legion Post 529; and Covelo American Legion Hall Post 759 joining the local endeavor to organize, educate and participate in the ceremonies being held at cemeteries throughout the Nation, other locations in all 50 states and overseas; and

WHEREAS, the local ceremonies, like the national observance will simultaneously be held at 9:00 am on December 15, 2018 at the Russian River Cemetery in Ukiah, the Rose Memorial Park Cemetery in Fort Bragg, the Potter Valley Cemetery, Cemetery District of the Redwoods in Willits, American Legion Hall Post 759 in Covelo, Hillcrest Cemetery in Mendocino, and the Hopland Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, Wreaths Across America is a national nonprofit organization founded in 2007 with a mission to Remember, Honor, Teach and continue to expand their annual wreath-laying ceremony first begun at Arlington National Cemetery by Maine businessman, Morrill Worcester, in 1992; and

WHEREAS, the National Wreaths Across America program is to spread their message about the importance of remembering our fallen heroes, honoring those who serve, and teaching our children about the sacrifices made by veterans and their families to preserve our freedoms; and

WHEREAS, since 2008, Congress has issued a national proclamation officially recognizing "Wreaths Across America Day" each December with the theme for 2018 being "**Be Their Witness**"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino truly appreciates the participation of the local 4-H Clubs and the Willits FFA Chapter, the American Legion Post 529, and Covelo American Legion Post 759 in the national movement to teach all generations about the value of their freedoms and the importance of honoring those who sacrificed so much to protect those freedoms along with demonstrating to our veterans and their families – that we will not forget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby proclaims, December 15, 2018, as:

"National Wreaths Across America Day In Mendocino County"

Dated: December 4, 2018

Georgeanne Croskey, Chair