

PROCLAMATION
OF THE
MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RECOGNIZING
National Wreaths Across America
Day In Mendocino County

WHEREAS, a Wreaths Across America Day will be held for the third year in Mendocino County as an undertaking of the Ukiah Shamrock, Redwood Valley-Calpella, Potter Valley and Fort Bragg 4-H Clubs that began earlier in the year with the Willits 4-H, the Hopland American Legion Post 529 and Round Valley 4-H with the 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 A.M. on December 17, 2016 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, 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 2016 being "Say Their Names"

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, the American Legion Post 529 and the UC ANR Hopland Research Extension Center 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 17, 2016, as:

"National Wreaths Across America Day In Mendocino County"

Dated: December 6, 2016

Dan Gjerde, Chair