

**RESOLUTION 2022 -**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF SAN BENITO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
RECOGNIZING THE SAN BENITO COUNTY MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS  
OFFICE FOR EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE VETERAN AND MILITARY COMMUNITY  
FROM JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> TO DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2021**

**WHEREAS**, Throughout our Nation's history, brave men and women in uniform have answered to the call of duty to defend and protect our freedom; and

**WHEREAS**, Veterans form a vital part of our communities, schools, and workforce, and employers and organizations that engage with Veterans benefit from diverse set of skills and experiences; and

**WHEREAS**, The Monterey County Military and Veterans Affairs Office (MVAO) is contracted to provide advocacy, assistance and services designed to enhance the lives of San Benito County Veterans and active duty military personnel, their survivors, and families; and

**WHEREAS**, Despite a year defined by COVID limitations and restrictions, the San Benito County Military and Veterans Affairs Office adapted and never wavered in its mission by actively participating in 11 outreach events and contacting 81 new Veterans or service-members; and

**WHEREAS**, The Military and Veterans Affairs Office responded to 326 information requests and made 302 in-person, virtual or telephonic benefits appointments while returning a 90% customer satisfaction survey rate; and

**WHEREAS**, The Military and Veterans Affairs Office filed 554 individual claim actions on behalf of 330 San Benito Co. Veterans, resulting in 193 Dept. of Veterans Affairs awards for Disability, Pension Burial or Survivor's claims; and

**WHEREAS**, On behalf of San Benito Co. Veterans, the Military and Veterans Affairs Office's efforts garnered Dept. of Veterans Affairs \$746,078 in retroactive disability payments and \$1,017,204 in tax-free recurring monthly disability compensation payments; and

**WHEREAS**, The Military and Veterans Affairs Office waived \$235,584 of college tuition fees for 34 dependents of San Benito Co. disabled Veterans; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the San Benito County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, honors the Military and Veterans Affairs Office and commends them for their selfless hard work and dedication to all Veterans, active duty servicemembers, and their families in San Benito County.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, by the following vote, to wit:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

I, Jennifer Frechette, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Benito, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes for the meeting on \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Bea Gonzales, Chair  
San Benito County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST  
Jennifer Frechette, Clerk of the Board

By: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:  
San Benito County Counsel Office

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*Breann Moebius*  
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Breann M. Moebius  
Deputy County Counsel