

1 [Supporting California Assembly Bill 935 (Frazier) - California Veterans Driver's License]

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3 **Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill 935, introduced by Assembly**
4 **Member Frazier, which calls for the creation of clearly identifiable California state**
5 **driver's licenses and identification cards for veterans.**

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7 WHEREAS, Under existing state law, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) collects
8 information on veterans and transmits that information the California Department of Veterans
9 Affairs; and

10 WHEREAS, Eligible veterans can then be contacted regarding state and federal
11 benefits to which they are entitled; and

12 WHEREAS, A number of federal, state and local benefits available to veterans,
13 including employment assistance, housing, and health counseling require proof that an
14 individual is a veteran; and

15 WHEREAS, Upon discharge from the Armed Services, formerly active-duty military
16 personnel are given a DD-214, a paper document to prove their veteran status; and

17 WHEREAS, Such a paper document, unless constantly carried around, is an
18 impractical means of identifying someone as a veteran; and

19 WHEREAS, California State Assembly Bill 935 allows veterans to apply for a California
20 driver's license or identification card clearly marking them as a veteran by presenting their
21 DD-214 or other verification of veteran status to a CalVet trained County Veterans Service
22 Officer (CVSO); and

23 WHEREAS, Upon presentation, the veteran will receive a verification document which
24 can be submitted as proof of military service to the DMV in order to receive a "Veterans"
25 designation on their driver's license or identification card; and

1 WHEREAS, A “Veteran” designation on a state driver’s license would allow quick and
2 easy identification of a veteran wishing to access services and benefits they are entitled to
3 without the need to carry the DD-214; and

4 WHEREAS, Such identification would also be helpful to medical and law enforcement
5 agencies in identifying and providing appropriate treatment to a veteran who may be suffering
6 from medical trauma, such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, as a result of their service; and

7 WHEREAS, This legislation was sponsored by such organizations as the American
8 Legion – Department of California, AMVETS – Department of California, California
9 Association of County Veteran Service Officers, California Council, Military Officers
10 Association of America, Veterans of Foreign Wars – Department of California, Vietnam
11 Veterans of America – California State Council, and California State Commanders Veterans
12 Council; and

13 WHEREAS, This legislation has been supported by the American Federation of State,
14 County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), The Town of Danville, Los Angeles County,
15 Solano County, California Professional Firefighters and California Police Chiefs Association;

16 WHEREAS, Forty Seven other states have also enacted laws adding “Veteran”
17 designations to state issued driver’s licenses or identification cards; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
19 fully endorses California State Assembly Bill 935.

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