

1 [Recognizing Veterans Month - November]

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3 **Resolution recognizing every November as Veterans Month in the City and County of**
4 **San Francisco, and urging all San Franciscans to recognize the veterans in their**
5 **community with acts of kindness.**

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7 WHEREAS, There are approximately 25,000 veterans residing in the City and County
8 of San Francisco; and

9 WHEREAS, Service members and their families make numerous sacrifices during their
10 military service, with some making the ultimate sacrifice; and

11 WHEREAS, Vietnam War veterans returning home received neither the fanfare nor the
12 benefits bestowed upon World War II veterans, but were instead met with anger in San
13 Francisco and institutional indifference throughout most of the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, Mental health issues affect more than half of veterans in San Francisco,
15 especially those from the Vietnam era; and

16 WHEREAS, It was the goal of late Mayor Edwin M. Lee to have zero homeless
17 veterans in 2018 but there are still over 600 homeless veterans in San Francisco, according to
18 the latest point in time count in 2019; and

19 WHEREAS, Many service members leaving the military and returning to the San
20 Francisco Bay Area are not prepared for the transition home and have a range of needs that
21 cannot be addressed by a single organization; and

22 WHEREAS, The need to embrace these veterans and welcome them to San Francisco
23 as a city of rebirth and opportunity is an essential element of our City's fabric; and

24 WHEREAS, Veterans are now, once again, returning to San Francisco for employment
25 and to establish new lives with their families; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors recognizes every November as Veterans
2 Month in San Francisco and urges all San Franciscans to recognize veterans in their
3 community through acts of kindness and by the displaying of the flag of the United States;
4 and, be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco is committed to
6 continue providing education to City and County of San Francisco employees about the
7 importance of recognizing veterans in the community; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco reaffirms the
9 commitment to prioritize the hiring of veterans; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco hereby
11 emphasizes the need for increased outreach for veterans mental health services; and be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco supports the
13 mission and work of Swords to Plowshares, Chinatown Community Development Center, and
14 other veterans service organizations in providing housing, compassionate support, and
15 education services to our veterans; and be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco is unwavering in its
17 support for policies and programs that assist veterans in our community.

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