WHEREAS, Memorial Day has become the day to remember all the armed conflicts Americans have participated in, first to build and preserve the Nation, and since 1918 to liberate millions of people around the world from threats of tyranny in World Wars I and II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, and in Afghanistan and Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day pays tribute to the almost 48 million Americans who have served in these armed conflicts with almost three million veterans living in California today, and also recognizes the over 140,000 Americans who were taken prisoner-of-war and all those who were declared missing in action; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day is observed in honor of the strength, service and sacrifice of our country’s most noble heroes, those gallant Americans who, in the eloquent words of President Abraham Lincoln, “gave the last full measure of devotion” for the well-being of our Nation and their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day is a time to reflect on all the goodness we have, and show our gratitude to those who helped secure our freedom; and the United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County is hosting a Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 28, 2012;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara does hereby recognize and commend the

United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County

for reminding us all to pay homage to the importance of Memorial Day, a day to remember the sacrifice and bravery of our heroes.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this Fifth Day of June, Two Thousand and Twelve by unanimous vote.

George Shirakawa
President, Board of Supervisors

Dave Cortese
Supervisor, District Three

Liz Kniss
Supervisor, District Five

Mike Wasserman
Supervisor, District One

Ken Yeager
Supervisor, District Four

Approved as to Form and Legality

County Counsel

Attest: Lynn Regadanz
Interim Clerk, Board of Supervisors

Date 6-22-12