## Shasta County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

Global War on Terrorism and Desert Storm Veterans Appreciation Day October 7, 2023

**WHEREAS**, we celebrate the memory of 7,300 American men and women who made the supreme sacrifice defending the freedom of the United States from the evils of terrorism fighting in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, and Pakistan and fighting for the independence of the citizens in Kuwait during Desert Storm; and

**WHEREAS**, we honor of the over 50,000 Americans wounded during the Global War on Terrorism operations and the over 1,000 Americans wounded during Desert Storm; and

**WHEREAS**, we pay tribute to the millions of Americans who deployed, fought, and scarified for our Country's freedom, we know our solemn responsibilities are to those who served, to our fallen, and to their loved ones; and

**WHEREAS**, we pay tribute to the American patriots who fought for freedom and democracy throughout the Middle East, Northern Africa, and the European theater, leaving behind everyone they loved to ensure the blessings of liberty for every man, woman, and child; and

**WHEREAS**, we will never stop working to live up to our obligations to honor the memory as well as to support the families of the more than 31,000 post-9/11 American service members who have committed suicide due to the burden of freedom they voluntarily shouldered.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Shasta do hereby proclaim October 7, 2023, as Global War on Terrorism and Desert Storm Veterans Appreciation Day. On this day, we encourage all Americans to reflect on the strength, sacrifices, and sense of duty of our Veterans and bestow upon them the high honor they deserve. We call upon all Shasta County residence to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities that honor and give thanks to our distinguished Middle East War Veterans.

Patrick Jones, Chair
October 3, 2023
Date