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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS POLICY

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Purpose

To establish the Board of Supervisors' legislative policy regarding services to military, veterans and their dependents and to provide guidance to the County's legislative representatives when advocating the County's interests to legislators, other elected officials and policy makers.

Background

San Diego County's population of active duty military and veterans, the largest in the State of California, warrants an active role by the County in legislative efforts on behalf of veterans. The County of San Diego intends to assist military and veterans and their dependents and survivors to obtain benefits from the federal, state and local agencies administering programs for veterans. Additionally, the County has included Military and Veterans Resource Centers within the County's Live Well Centers to provide comprehensive benefits counseling and advocacy to the military and veterans' community regarding entitlement rights to federal, state and local benefits programs.

"Military and Veterans Affairs" shall be defined as matters that are related to individuals who, through military service to the United States of America, may be eligible for certain benefits for themselves and their dependents and to the activities of veterans organizations.

Policy

The legislative policy of the Board of Supervisors regarding military and veterans affairs is to:

1. Support legislation that would provide adequate state and federal funding to the County of San Diego for programs targeted to San Diego County's military and veteran populations.
2. Support legislation that would ensure that appropriate benefits and services are provided by the state and federal governments to eligible military, veterans and their dependents.
3. Support legislation that would afford appropriate recognition to military, veterans, veterans' families and veteran organizations.
4. Oppose legislation that would harm the psychological, physical and financial interests of the military and veteran population of San Diego County.

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Responsible Departments

Chief Administrative Office

Office of Strategy and Intergovernmental Affairs

Sunset Date

This policy will be reviewed for continuance by 12-31-2026.

References

Board Action 12/16/86 (50)

Board Action 5/5/87 (55)

Board Action 2/9/88 (4d)

Board Action 4/13/99 (42A)

Board Action 1/13/04 (13)

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