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Legislation Text

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Supervisor Thomas recommending the Board adopt and authorize the Chair to sign a Proclamation recognizing May 27, 2024, as Memorial Day in El Dorado County. A day to remember and honor those that have died, those that are still missing and all who mourn the loss.

FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND

In 1868, Memorial Day was officially designated as a day to honor those fallen in service to our country during the Civil War. Eventually, Memorial Day was extended to include fallen soldiers from *all* American wars. In 1971, Congress declared it a national holiday, changing the observance from May 30 to the last Monday in May.

Each year, many communities across the U.S. hold parades or ceremonies to recognize veterans, active service members and other military personnel.

It's also a day for loved ones to visit the gravesites of those lost to place flowers, flags, and other decorations in their memory.

Each year, a wreath is placed on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

<<https://www.today.com/news/news/-old-guard-will-leave-flags-grave-arlington-national-cemetery-weekend-rcna30975>>in a ceremony held at Arlington Cemetery in Virginia.

In 2000, Congress signed the "The National Moment of Remembrance Act" into law. From that point forward, citizens were encouraged to pause for a moment of silence to remember those who've died in service to our country at 3 p.m. local time each Memorial Day.

If you plan to fly a flag on Memorial Day, it should be flown at half-staff from sunrise to noon, then it should be briskly raised to the top of the staff until sunset.

A celebration will be held at the El Dorado County Veterans Memorial, 360 Fair Lane, Placerville at 11:00am, on Monday, May 27, 2024 to honor our fallen El Dorado County Veterans.

ALTERNATIVES

The Board could choose not to approve this Proclamation.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION

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OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

Obtain the Chair's signature on two copies

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT

N/A

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