

Celebrating and Honoring

The Military Animal Project On Their 10th Anniversary

WHEREAS, The Military Animal Project was founded in 2014 as Pets For Vets, operating exclusively in Ventura County providing companion dog training for veterans and in May 2018 the project was relaunched as the Military Animal Project expanding animal support services for veterans in California and Northern Nevada and,

WHEREAS, The Military Animal Project provides trained dogs to military veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Anxiety and Depression- comfort, support, companionship, and a means to heal and,

WHEREMS, The Military Animal Project provides both Emotional Support and Psychiatric Service Dogs professionally trained specifically for the veteran's needs determined on the recommendation of the veteran's therapist/doctor and,

WHEREAS, Certified Therapy Dogs visit veterans in nursing homes, assisted living, rehabilitation, therapy sessions, VA hospitals, hospice facilities, Vet Centers and in the privacy of their own homes and,

WHEREAS, In the summer of 2024 the Veteran Pet Support Services will launch which will include emergency veterinary eare, health checks, grooming, bordering/fostering, petfood/products to support veterans and,

WHEREAS, Ventura County has 27 Certified Therapy dog/partner teams and,

WHEREAS, The Military Animal Project is currently working on their 85^{nd} veteran application and 87% of Military Animal Project dogs are shelter rescues and,

WHEREAS, Fundraising has raised more than \$900,000 allowing all veteran programs to operate at no cost to veterans.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, the Ventura County Board of Supervisors takes great pleasure in honoring the Military Animal Project on their 10 years of providing exceptional and selfless services and support to the veterans of Ventura County.

Presented on this 27th Day of February 2024

Kelly Long, Chair of the Board of Supervisors

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