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**GRAND MASTER'S PROCLAMATION
JULY 2024 IS SUPPORT OUR VETERANS MONTH**

Sharing the Light of Freemasonry

Whereas California is home to more than 1.5 million veterans of military service, the most of any state in the nation; and

Whereas veterans face increased challenges upon returning to civilian life, including heightened rates of physical, mental, and emotional health issues, homelessness, and substance abuse; and

Whereas California Masonry has long counted among its members an enormous number of military veterans; and

Whereas California Masons recognize the service and sacrifice that our military veterans have made for our country;

As grand master I therefore proclaim July 2024 to be Support Our Veterans Month.

As California Masons, we honor those who have served our country as members of our military during both peace and wartime. On a personal note, I have seen firsthand during my 32 years of service in the U.S. Marines the effects that combat has on troops and the challenges that servicemen and women face upon their return to their civilian lives.

This month, during which we celebrate our nation's independence, I call on our Masonic lodges to recognize the veterans in their communities and to salute them through volunteerism, donations, or lodge events. Thank you to our veterans for your service to the country.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Attest:

Grand Master G. Sean Metroka

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