

RESOLUTION NO. XX

VETERANS COMMISSION, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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**RESOLUTION TO URGE THE SAN MATEO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TO SUPPORT CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 46**

WHEREAS, U.S. Armed Forces Servicemembers are eligible to retire from the military after 20 years of service, and these retirees devoted the prime years of their life to defending the freedom of all Americans.; and

WHEREAS, United States Department of Defense's Survivor Benefit Plan allows a retiree to ensure, after death, a continuous lifetime annuity for their dependents; and

WHEREAS, Veterans who retired from the uniformed services receive retirement pay and survivor benefits that are subject to California state income tax, reducing their financial resources and potentially hindering their ability to live comfortably in California; and

WHEREAS, Veterans who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces long enough to receive a pension have made significant sacrifices for our country and should be recognized and honored for their service; and

WHEREAS, providing a state income tax exclusion to military retirees not only signifies the gratitude of Californians for these men and women who chose to serve our country, it also benefits the state and local economies by helping to retain skilled and motivated individuals in California; and

WHEREAS, providing a state income tax exclusion to Survivor Benefit Plan beneficiaries can provide critical financial support for vulnerable community members; and

WHEREAS, providing additional financial benefits to California veterans both honors their service and provides fiscal incentives for them and their families to retire and remain in California; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Member James Ramos (D-45) introduced Assembly Bill (AB) 46 on December 5, 2022, which would amend the California Revenue and Taxation Code to exempt military retirement and Survivor Benefit Plan income from state income taxes for a ten-year period (January 1, 2024 thru January 1, 2034);

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the San Mateo County Veteran's Commission urges the California Legislature to pass Assembly Bill 46. The Veteran's Commission further resolves that San Mateo County Board of Supervisors should direct the County Executive to advocate for AB 46's passage.