

Resolution No.

STOCKTON CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION AFFIRMING STOCKTON'S COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT MILITARY AND VETERAN CAREGIVERS

The series of wars and conflicts in which our nation has been engaged over time, since World War II, has resulted in 5.5 million military and veteran caregivers who are parents, siblings and friends, caring for those wounded, ill, or injured who have served our nation, as documented by the 2014 RAND study commissioned by the Elizabeth Dole Foundation; and

The daily tasks of these military and veteran caregivers can include bathing, feeding, dressing, caring for the grievous injuries of wounded warriors, administering medications, providing emotional support, caring for the family and the home, and working outside the home to earn essential income; and

The nation provides multi-faceted support to our wounded, ill, and injured veterans and service members through public, private, and philanthropic resources, but their caregivers receive little support or acknowledgment; and

Most military and veteran caregivers consider the challenging work they do as simply carrying out their civic and patriotic duty, without realizing they are, in fact, caregivers, and do not identify themselves as such; and

An alarming number of military and veteran caregivers, according to research, are suffering numerous debilitating mental, physical, and emotional effects as a result of their caregiving duties; and

The City of Stockton desires to recognize and support those who are serving in these vital roles in our own community as more than 11,000 U.S. Veterans of the nearly 2 million former military service members residing in the State of California live in Stockton; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOCKTON, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City become a Hidden Heroes City in support of military and veteran caregivers.
2. The City shall work with community partners to identify military and veteran caregivers residing in our community.
3. The City shall work to ensure that our government, organizations, employers, and non-profits are aware of the unique challenges of military and veteran caregivers and are encouraged to create supportive environments and opportunities for

assistance.

4. The Mayor's Office shall work with community partners to coordinate an annual observance, ideally in May for Military Appreciation Month and Month of the Military Caregiver, to honor and recognize the community's military and veteran caregivers in partnership with the Elizabeth Dole Foundation's national Hidden Heroes campaign.

5. The City shall encourage all who care for and support veterans and service members to extend that support to their caregivers.

6. The Mayor's Office shall designate a point of contact for our community, from the public or private sector, for citizens and organizations wanting to offer support and caregivers who need that support.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED June 19, 2018.

MICHAEL D. TUBBS
Mayor of the City of Stockton

ATTEST:

BRET HUNTER, CMC
City Clerk of the City of Stockton