

R E S O L U T I O N

Section 1. WHEREAS:

(a) Since the early days of our Nation it has been the continuing policy of the Government to provide for the burial of its deceased war veterans in National Cemeteries; and

(b) The U. S. National Cemeteries of the Presidio of San Francisco and Fort Rosecrans at San Diego and the Golden Gate National Cemetery at San Bruno are completely filled and closed; and

(c) The 93rd Congress did enact PL 93-43, "National Cemetery Act of 1973", establishing within the Veterans Administration a National Cemetery System for the internment of deceased servicemen and veterans; and

(d) There are many sites within the County of Kern ideally situated for the establishment and perpetuation of a National Cemetery, some of which are already owned by the Government; and

(e) The Kern County area is within the geographical center and embraces the population center of the state, is serviced by two major transcontinental railroads and two major national highways, and has a modern airport system including an ultra-modern terminal and sixteen satellite airfields throughout the county; and

(f) This area enjoys an equable climate throughout the year, which proves of great benefit to those families wishing to visit the resting places of loved ones at any season; and

(g) Two of the nation's largest military installations (Naval Weapons Center and Edwards Air Force Base) are located within Kern County;

Section 2. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Ridgecrest, of the County of Kern, State of California, that the President of the United States, Federal and State legislators, appropriate committees in Congress, and other appropriate agencies be,

and they are hereby urged to recommend the establishment of a National Cemetery in Kern County, and this Council does hereby authorize and support the efforts of the Kern County Veterans Affairs Council, Kern County Board of Trade, Kern County Board of Supervisors, Bakersfield City Council, chambers of commerce, civic and fraternal organizations, in expediting this worthwhile project;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Ridgecrest of the County of Kern, offers the fullest cooperation and assistance of the City of Ridgecrest in furthering this meritorious endeavor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The City Council of the City of Ridgecrest, located in Kern County, in their meeting regularly assembled on December 18, 1974 hereby support the action of the Kern County Board of Supervisors and further appeal to our representatives in Congress to lend their support and efforts to the establishment of a National Cemetery within the boundaries of Kern County.



Mayor of the City of Ridgecrest



City Clerk of the City of Ridgecrest