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UNITED MEXICAN-AMERICAN VETERANS ASSOCIATION

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## RESOLUTION

**UMAVA** actively advocates for all veterans, and is a leader in the “**Veterans Coalition of Orange County**”, and partners with veterans and organizations to bring greater awareness and recognition of the devotion and sacrifices of our active duty troops, veterans, families and our fallen heroes.

Whereas, based on the 2012 California statistic report, there are 1,965,342 military veterans who reside in the 58 counties of the State of California;

Whereas, the Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego have a total population of 20.4 million people and a significant number (914,172) of military veterans who reside in the respective counties and represent 47% of the total number in the State;

Whereas, the cited four counties (total population of 20.4 million people) have access only to Riverside National Cemetery; and the Los Angeles National Cemetery has been closed for over ten years; and by comparison the whole state of Louisiana (total population of 4.6 million people) has five veterans cemeteries, and the city of Slidell, LA (population 27,000) recently received \$8.3 million to open a new cemetery as announced by the VA in October 1, 2012.

Whereas, the accelerated “pace” of interred veterans at the Riverside National Cemetery will present a space challenge for interments in the near future;

Whereas, the nearest national cemetery for the four cited counties is the new one in San Diego;

Whereas, the distance to San Diego National Cemetery from the four cited counties is significant and from many strategic points is well beyond the 75 mile radius national cemetery criterion;

Therefore, it is resolved, that there is sufficient evidence and critical need to initiate a feasibility study to determine the need and acquisition of a national cemetery in Orange County;

Also it is resolved, the UMAVA membership endorses and supports the pursuit of a feasibility study to establish a national cemetery in Orange County benefitting the families of our fallen heroes.

*This Resolution was presented and unanimously adopted by 100% of the UMAVA membership present at its General Meeting of October 20, 2012 at the American Legion Post 132, Orange, CA.*

Respectfully,

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