

# Fort Ord Reuse Authority

## Resolution 16-05

### *Fort Ord Year of the Veteran in Monterey County*

The Fort Ord Reuse Authority Board of Directors hereby resolves that:

**WHEREAS**, the Fort Ord United States Army Military Reservation served the Nation's Defense for nearly a century as a central part of Monterey Bay's military history; and

**WHEREAS**, U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and Marine veterans have retired to Monterey Region after being stationed in this magnificent area in uniform; and

**WHEREAS**, since California State Legislation created the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) in 1994 to oversee former Fort Ord conversion to civilian reuse, veterans have been actively engaged in all components of the recovery program; and

**WHEREAS**, FORA created a Veterans Issues Advisory Committee assigned to identify, discuss, evaluate, and provide advice regarding issues directly impacting Monterey Bay Region veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery is under construction and will open on former Fort Ord land in the City of Seaside in 2016; and

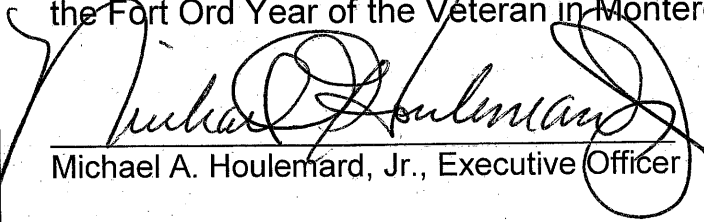
**WHEREAS**, the William F. Gourley Joint Integrated Department of Veterans Affairs/ Department of Defense Health Center in the City of Marina opens in 2016; and

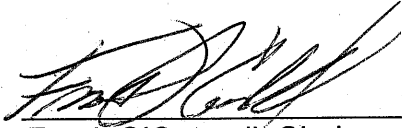
**WHEREAS**, during 2016 the Veterans Transition Center of Monterey County will break ground to expand veterans and dependents residential facilities in the City of Marina's portion of Fort Ord; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors has proclaimed 2016 as the Year of the Veteran in Monterey County at its February 9, 2016 meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the Monterey County Veterans' Court in Marina becomes operational in 2016.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the FORA Board of Directors, on behalf of the regional economic recovery community, honors all military veterans and the dedicated former Fort Ord work to support those served to keep our liberty by proclaiming 2016 as the Fort Ord Year of the Veteran in Monterey County.

  
Michael A. Houlemard, Jr., Executive Officer

  
Frank O'Connell, Chair