



**PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
COUNTY OF INYO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
RECOGNIZING DECEMBER 7, 2021 AS
NATIONAL PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY**

WHEREAS, a rare few events in the annals of American history are so notorious, so impactful, and so entrenched in the national psyche that they are immediately recognized and recalled by date alone; and

WHEREAS, 9/11 is one of these occurrences and another is December 7, 1941 – a date which has lived in infamy for 80 years, having been seared into the nation’s collective memory and having drastically altered the lives of entire generations; and

WHEREAS, on the morning of December 7, 1941, Japanese fighter planes attacked the United States Naval Base at Pearl Harbor, destroying much of our Pacific Fleet, killing 2,403 Americans, and wounding 1,178 more; and

WHEREAS, the attack on Pearl Harbor galvanized the will of the American people to rise up in solidarity against the threat to our freedoms and our very lives; and

WHEREAS, this fight was undertaken by men and women of all ages, backgrounds, and cultures, from the docks of Pearl Harbor to the shores of Normandy, in defense of the United States and our way of life – brave patriots serving their country not for conquest but to protect the freedoms and values that have sustained this Nation since its founding; and

WHEREAS, they went to war for liberty and sacrificed more than most of us will ever know; they chased victory and defeated fascism, turning adversaries into allies and writing a new chapter in the history of the United States; and

WHEREAS, they inspired a generation with their refusal to give in despite overwhelming odds, and their service continues to inspire as the embodiment of courage, devotion, and sacrifice; and

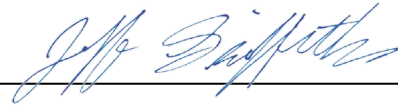
WHEREAS, in memory of all who lost their lives on December 7, 1941 -- and those who responded by leaving their homes for the battlefields -- we must ensure the sacrifices they made in the name of liberty and democracy were not made in vain; and

WHEREAS, President Franklin Roosevelt told Americans on December 8, “It is our obligation to our dead – it is our sacred obligation to their children and our children – that we must never forget what we have learned;” and

WHEREAS, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day affords us but one opportunity to fulfill our obligation to those who died, as we reflect on the profound debt of gratitude we owe them for the freedoms we cherish and remember the everlasting responsibilities we have to one another and to our country.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, the Inyo County Board of Supervisors declares this day, the 7th day of December 2021, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day in Inyo County and, in tribute to the American patriots who fought so bravely, encourages a commitment to honor our troops and veterans and give them the support and care they deserve.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of December 2021, by the Inyo County Board of Supervisors.



Jeff Griffiths,
Chairperson,
County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

Attest: *LESLIE L. CHAPMAN*
Clerk of the Board

By: _____
Assistant Clerk of the Board

