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RESOLUTION

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY

- WHEREAS,** June 6, 2019, marks the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Normandy, which began June 6, 1944 during World War II, when American, British, and Canadian forces landed along the coast of France's Normandy region in Operation Overlord; and
- WHEREAS,** the D-Day landing was the largest single amphibious assault in military history, consisting of approximately 31,000 members of the United States Armed Forces and more than 3,000 vehicles that embarked on 208 vessels from Weymouth and Portland, England; and
- WHEREAS,** of the estimated 9,400 casualties incurred by Allied forces on the first day of the landing, an estimated 5,400 casualties were members of the United States Armed Forces; and
- WHEREAS,** Supreme Allied Commander Dwight D. Eisenhower referred to the invasion as "the Great Crusade", and addressed the allied forces stating that "I have full confidence in your courage, devotion to duty and skill in battle"; and
- WHEREAS,** the dedication and sacrifice displayed by the allied forces on D-Day changed the course of the war, beginning the liberation of France, which ultimately contributed to the destruction of the Nazi regime on May 7, 1945;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Henderson County Board of Commissioners thank those that served and ask citizens to observe a moment of silence on June 6th at noon in honor and memory of those soldiers.

This the 3rd day of June 2019.

Grady Hawkins, Chairman
Henderson County, Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Teresa L. Wilson, Clerk to the Board