

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA, REVIEWING AND APPROVING THE  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE MILITARY EQUIPMENT POLICY PURSUANT TO  
AB 481**

**WHEREAS**, AB 481, signed into law in September 2021, requires California law enforcement agencies to obtain approval from their governing body of a military equipment use policy prior to taking certain actions relating to the funding, acquisition, and/or use of military equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, AB 481 requires that the governing body make certain findings with respect to the military equipment use policy prior to its approval as set forth in Government Code Section 7071(d)(1); and

**WHEREAS**, the Napa County Sheriff's Office does not possess any equipment that was purchased from the military, but is interpreting AB 481 broadly in the spirit of transparency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Napa County Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 1476 in May, 2022, in compliance with AB 481, making the requisite findings and approving the Military Equipment Policy, which was attached to Ordinance No. 1476 as Exhibit A; and

**WHEREAS**, AB 481 requires that the Board of Supervisors annually review Ordinance No. 1476 and vote on whether the Ordinance should be renewed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Napa County Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 1490 in May 2024, reaffirming Ordinance No. 1476 and the Policy, making the requisite findings, and allowing future review and approval to be made by resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Military Equipment Policy was made, and continues to be made, available to the public via the Napa County Sheriff's Office website; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff's Office has submitted an annual military equipment report, attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Napa County Board of Supervisors:

1. The Board has reviewed the following: the relevant ordinances, the Military Equipment Policy (Policy No. 704) and the annual (2025) Military Equipment Report submitted by the Sheriff's Office.
2. Ordinance No. 1476 and the Military Equipment Use Policy is hereby reaffirmed, and the Military Equipment Policy shall continue to remain in full force and effect.
3. The Board further finds that the considerations and standards set forth in Government Code Section 7071(d)(1) have been met:

- a. The military equipment is necessary because there is no reasonable alternative that can achieve the same objective of officer and civilian safety;
- b. The Military Equipment Policy will continue to safeguard the public's welfare, safety, civil rights, and civil liberties;
- c. The purchase of new equipment is reasonably cost effective compared to available alternatives that can achieve the same objective of officer and civilian safety; and
- d. Military equipment use has complied with the Military Equipment Policy No. 704, approved by the Board in 2022.

**THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED**  
by the Napa County Board of Supervisors, State of California, at a regular meeting of the Board held on the 22th day of July 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS \_\_\_\_\_  
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 NOES: SUPERVISORS \_\_\_\_\_  
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 ABSTAIN: SUPERVISORS \_\_\_\_\_  
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 ABSENT: SUPERVISORS \_\_\_\_\_  
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NAPA COUNTY, a political subdivision of the  
State of California

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ANNE COTTRELL, Chair of the  
 Board of Supervisors

<p>APPROVED AS TO FORM Office of County Counsel</p> <p>By: <u>S. Darbinian</u> Deputy County Counsel</p> <p>Date: <u>July 7, 2025</u></p>	<p>APPROVED BY THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</p> <p>Date: _____          Processed By: _____          _____          Deputy Clerk of the Board</p>	<p>ATTEST: NEHA HOSKINS Clerk of the Board of Supervisors</p> <p>By: _____</p>
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EXHIBIT A

MILITARY EQUIPMENT REPORT