



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: Governance Committee

DEPARTMENT: Government and Public Affairs

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Jeff Coyle, Director, Government and Public Affairs

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: City Wide

SUBJECT:

A Resolution that declares San Antonio a "Hidden Heroes City."

SUMMARY:

A Resolution supporting a City proclamation declaring San Antonio a "Hidden Heroes City. The City, through its Office of Military Affairs, will create a Steering Committee within the Commission of Veterans Affairs (VAC) to serve as a hub and organizing force for a city-wide effort to promote awareness and offer support and assistance to military caregivers and their families.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In July of 2016 Senator Elizabeth Dole wrote Mayor Ivy Taylor inviting her to join her Foundation, the Elizabeth Dole Foundation, and its national partners to create a local network supporting the Hidden Heroes campaign. The heart of the campaign will be in these Hidden Heroes Cities-a nationwide network of cities committed to unifying their existing support and resources, and adding others that are needed, in order to provide the critically needed support for their city's military and veteran caregivers.

Senator Dole has declared that "these families are serving our country with the same honor and duty their loved ones once demonstrated in volunteering to defend our freedom." The goal is have the City rise to embrace its military caregivers and offer them the recognition and support they deserve.

The City, through its Office of Military Affairs, will create a Steering Committee within the Commission of Veterans Affairs (VAC) to serve as a hub and organizing force for a city-wide effort to promote awareness and offer support and assistance to military caregivers and their families. The goals of the campaign are: to put into action the most effective locally relevant ways to identify military caregivers in their community; to continually

update a register of those caregivers; and to bring together those organizations with programs already assisting military caregivers.

ISSUE:

A City Proclamation that declares San Antonio a “Hidden Heroes City” and the creation of a Steering Committee within the Commission of Veteran Affairs (VAC) to promote awareness and offer support and assistance to military caregivers and their families.

ALTERNATIVES:

City Council could choose not to approve this Resolution.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the approval to forward to City Council a Resolution that declares San Antonio a “Hidden Heroes City.”