

Honoring
**VETERANS AND FAMILIES
DURING NATIONAL
VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES MONTH**

WHEREAS, more than [1.8 million of the estimated 22 million veterans](#) nationwide call California home; and

WHEREAS, November is National Veterans and Military Families Month; and

WHEREAS, the California State Board of Equalization gives thanks to our veterans who bravely and honorably served our country and recognizes the sacrifices military families make while their loved ones serve their tour of duty; and

WHEREAS, the California State Board of Equalization is committed to supporting California's goal to contract three percent of contract dollars with Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise (DVBE); and

WHEREAS, California is the state with the [most veteran-owned firms](#), estimated at more than 250,000, which has resulted in more than \$135 billion in sales; and

WHEREAS, the State of California is honored to employ many current and former service members and veterans of the United States Armed Forces and provides a Veterans' Preference assistance program for those who seek employment with the State; and

WHEREAS, the California State Board of Equalization is committed to partnering with local County Assessors to raise awareness of the [Veterans' Exemption](#) and [Disabled Veterans' Exemption](#) to support veterans, their families, and caregivers to reduce their property tax liability; and

WHEREAS, 53,003 Disabled Veterans' Exemptions valued at more than \$7 billion dollars were claimed by eligible disabled veterans in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the California State Board of Equalization encourages veterans and military families to contact their local County Assessors to take advantage of their [property tax options](#), therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Members of the California State Board of Equalization, on National Veterans and Military Families Month, recognize the vital contributions of our veterans and military families and encourage local County Assessors to continue to provide information and assistance to serve veterans and their family members.

*Adopted at Sacramento, California, this nineteenth day of November 2019,
by the California State Board of Equalization.*