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RESOLUTION NO. 2026-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JUNO BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A VETERANS MEMORIAL CEREMONY POLICY FOR QUALIFYING TOWN ELECTED OFFICIALS AND FAMILY MEMBERS; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC PURPOSE FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Juno Beach, Florida (“Town”), recognizes the service and sacrifice of members of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the Town maintains a Veterans Memorial for the purpose of commemorating military service and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 2(b) of the Florida Constitution and Florida Statute §166.021 grant municipalities broad home rule authority to exercise any power for municipal purposes except as otherwise provided by law; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that establishing policies governing the use of Town-owned facilities and the waiver of certain municipal fees constitutes a proper exercise of the Town’s home rule authority; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council further finds that permitting limited ceremonial use of the Veterans Memorial to host traditional military memorial services involving not more than 24 attendees honoring the memory of qualifying current or former Town Elected Officials who are a veteran or active-duty member of the United States Armed Forces at the time of death and their veteran or active-duty immediate family members serves a valid municipal and public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council further finds that any waiver of facility rental or special event fees authorized herein is incidental to, and in furtherance of, that public purpose and is narrowly tailored in scope and application.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JUNO BEACH, FLORIDA, as follows:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are hereby ratified as true and correct and are incorporated herein. The Veterans Memorial Ceremony Policy set forth in the attached Exhibit “A” is hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. The Town Council expressly finds that this Policy serves a valid municipal and public purpose by promoting civic recognition of military service and sacrifice consistent with the established purpose of the Town’s Veterans Memorial. The Town Council further finds that adoption of this Policy constitutes a proper exercise of the

1 Town's home rule authority pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2(b) of the Florida Constitution
2 and Florida Statute §166.021. The Town Council additionally finds that any waiver of
3 facility rental or special event fees authorized herein is incidental to and in furtherance of
4 that public purpose, is narrowly tailored in scope, and does not constitute a lending,
5 pledge, or use of public credit to aid any private person or entity in violation of Article VII,
6 Section 10 of the Florida Constitution.

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8 **Section 3.** The Town Manager, or designee, is authorized to administer and
9 implement this Policy in accordance with its terms.

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11 **Section 4.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or provision of this
12 Resolution is held invalid, the remainder shall not be affected by such invalidity.

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14 **Section 5.** This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

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16 RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

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21 Peggy Wheeler, Mayor

22 ATTEST:

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25 Caitlin Copeland-Rodriguez, MMC
26 Town Clerk

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28 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
29 LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

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32 TG Law PLLC, Town Attorney
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EXHIBIT A

VETERANS MEMORIAL CEREMONY POLICY

1. Purpose.

This Policy establishes eligibility criteria and administrative procedures for limited ceremonial use of the Town's Veterans Memorial without rental or special event application fees.

2. Eligibility.

- (a) Any past, present, or future duly elected official of the Town of Juno Beach who is a veteran or active-duty member of the United States Armed Forces at the time of death;
- or
- (b) The spouse or child of such official who is a veteran or active-duty member of the United States Armed Forces at the time of death.

3. Fee Waiver.

- (a) All facility and special event fees waived, including any associated with staff or police support or attendance;
- (b) Limited to traditional military ceremonies reasonably anticipated to include not more than twenty-four (24) attendees.

4. Coordination and Notice.

- (a) Minimum forty-eight (48) hours' advance notice required;
- (b) Subject to scheduling availability and previously scheduled events;
- (c) Coordination required with the Town Manager or designee.

5. Additional Costs.

Any extraordinary municipal services shall be the responsibility of the requesting party.

6. Insurance.

Certificate of insurance and special event insurance requirements are waived for qualifying ceremonies.

7. No Vested Rights.

This Policy does not create a contractual entitlement and remains subject to operational feasibility and public safety considerations.