

# PROCLAMATION

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June 16, 2022

**WHEREAS**, the Berrien County Board of Commissioners have continually been supportive of the military and those veterans who have served; and

**WHEREAS**, “Lest We Forget” was started by a group of veterans whose goal was to shine the light on patriotism and to not let the past be forgotten by the children of our future nor the communities of Southwest Michigan; and

**WHEREAS**, the first Southwest Michigan Lest We Forget Patriotic Celebration was held in 2006 and the events of that celebration were attended by hundreds; and

**WHEREAS**, their efforts have continued with patriotic celebrations, WWII re-enactments, concerts, and presentations by Medal of Honor Recipients; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2022 event will feature *WOMEN: We, Too.....Gave Our All* and is being held June 17-19, in various locations around Berrien County; and

**WHEREAS**, the three-day event will feature guest speaker POW Retired Specialist Shoshana Johnson, a one act play titled “Women and War” at Twin City Players, demonstrations, military equipment displays, and more.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that we the undersigned members of the Berrien County Board of Commissioners support this program and encourage the residents of Berrien County to observe all or a part of the festivities honoring our veterans.


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that residents can find a detailed event schedule at [www.lestweforgetusa.org](http://www.lestweforgetusa.org).

*This proclamation is effective upon filing.*

  
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