

CITY OF KUNA

State of Idaho *Proclamation*

In Support of Kuna's Military Caregivers

WHEREAS, the series of wars and conflicts in which our nation has been engaged over time, since World War II, has resulted in 5.5 million military and veteran caregivers who are parents, spouses, siblings and friends, caring for those wounded, ill or injured who have served our nation, as documented by the 2014 RAND study commissioned by the Elizabeth Dole Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the daily tasks of these military and veteran caregivers can include bathing, feeding, dressing and caring for the injuries of wounded warriors, administering medications, providing emotional support, caring for the family and the home, and working outside the home to earn essential income; and

WHEREAS, the nation provides multi-faceted support to our wounded, ill and injured veterans and service members through public, private and philanthropic resources, but their caregivers receive little support or acknowledgement; and

WHEREAS, most military and veteran caregivers consider the challenging work they do as simply carrying out their civic and patriotic duty, without realizing they are, in fact, caregivers, and do not identify themselves as such; and

WHEREAS, an alarming number of military and veteran caregivers, according to research, are suffering numerous debilitating mental, physical and emotional effects as a result of their caregiving duties; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kuna desires to recognize and support those who are serving in these vital roles in our own community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joe L. Stear, Mayor of the City of Kuna, Idaho, do hereby proclaim 2024 as:

Year of the Military Caregiver in Idaho

In collaboration with Idaho's DAR and Hidden Heros.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,
I set my hand on this the 19th day of March
in the year of two thousand and twenty-four.**



**Joe L. Stear
Mayor of Kuna, Idaho**

