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CITY OF MONTEREY HONORS MILITARY CAREGIVERS BY BECOMING A “HIDDEN HEROES CITY”

Monterey, CA. – Monterey was recognized today as Tom Hanks and Tom Brokaw joined Senator Elizabeth Dole in Washington, DC to launch Hidden Heroes, a groundbreaking campaign created by the Elizabeth Dole Foundation to call vital attention to America’s 5.5 million military and veteran caregivers. As campaign chair, Hanks presided over the launch that included a series of major announcements and commitments that will bring critical resources to those caring for wounded, ill and injured service members and veterans.

The Monterey City Council at the Tuesday, September 6, 2016 Council meeting officially proclaimed the City of Monterey as a Hidden Heroes City. Monterey joined the campaign as one of the first cities to sign on as a Hidden Heroes City, one of the campaign's key national initiatives designed to develop military caregiver resources at a local level.

Each Hidden Heroes City pledges to help identify local military caregivers and organize community resources to offer them vital support. Individuals caring for someone who served, or those who wish to support the campaign can visit HiddenHeroes.org for more information.

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Addressing what she hopes to accomplish through the campaign, Senator Dole said, "The Elizabeth Dole Foundation envisions an America where military caregivers are empowered, appreciated and recognized for their service to the nation. Together, we are working towards a future where supporting military caregivers is no longer a cause, but it is part of the culture of our nation."

"Monterey is proud to help bring a spotlight to the caregivers living in our community. We understand that our proclamation requires all of us to creatively find new ways to support the hidden heroes," said City Manager Mike McCarthy.

In partnership with the Elizabeth Dole Foundation's national Hidden Heroes campaign, the City will also designate May 1 of each year to honor and recognize caregivers of wounded veterans.

Monterey is one of five California cities along with Oakland, San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego to become one of the first Hidden Heroes cities.

For more information about the Hidden Heroes campaign visit HiddenHeroes.org.

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