

# State Historical Resources Commission

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-05

## RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION

### Aircraft Carrier USS Hornet Foundation

**WHEREAS**, the USS *Hornet* (CV-12) was commissioned in 1943 as an *Essex* class aircraft carrier built at Newport News, Virginia, becoming one of the most decorated ships in the United States Navy, operating 16 months in the Pacific theater during World War II, earning nine battle stars and the Presidential Unit Citation for operations during the Second World War, including participation in the Marianas Turkey Shoot, the Battle of Leyte Gulf and the sinking of the battleship *Yamato*, but was never hit by a single bomb, torpedo or *kamikaze* aircraft; and,

**WHEREAS**, after the end of the Second World War, the *Hornet* served as a carrier during the Vietnam War and carried out recovery operations for the first and second moon landings, Apollo 11 and 12 in 1969; and,

**WHEREAS**, since the end of its military service, the *Hornet* was opened to the public as an aircraft carrier museum in the city of Alameda, California in 1998; and,

**WHEREAS**, in 1995, the Aircraft Carrier USS Hornet Foundation was established to preserve and honor the legacy of the USS *Hornet* and its role in naval aviation, the defense of our country, the Apollo Program and exploration of space, and the valor of the sailors and aviators who served on board, using the retired aircraft carrier as a museum to interpret the story of the *Hornet* and naval aviation, as a site for community events, and as an educational service to the children and youth of their community;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that official recognition on behalf of the State Historical Resources Commission is given to the Aircraft Carrier USS Hornet Foundation for its efforts to maintain, preserve and interpret the legacy of the *Hornet* and those who served on board for future generations; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution be recorded in the minutes of the State Historical Resources Commission and suitable copies presented to the Aircraft Carrier USS Hornet Foundation.

May 3, 2012

STATE HISTORICAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

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