

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



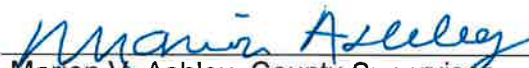
FROM: Marion Ashley, County Supervisor

SUBMITTAL DATE:
September 16, 2013

SUBJECT: Legislative Support for National Guard & Reserve in the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors directs the County Executive Officer (CEO) to direct county legislative advocates in Washington, D.C. to support the Military Reserves Jobs Act, H.R. 2785 & S.1320. The CEO is also directed to express our support of critical funding for Black Hawk Helicopters in the FY 14 Defense Appropriations bill.

BACKGROUND: Riverside County is the home to March Air Reserve Base (MARB), a key military base in our nation's defense posture, and home to 6,000 federal, state military personnel, and civilian workers. The base estimates its economic impact on our county and community to be in excess of \$3.5 billion annually. With 6,000 employees the base is one of the region's largest employers and the largest public sector employer in the fifth district. Support for H.R. 2785 and S.1320 will award hiring preference points for federal jobs to members of the Guard & Reserves who seek federal employment. Awarding a preference to these men and women, who have served their nation and state with honor, helps stop discriminatory hiring practices. It is possible for members of the Guard and Reserve to be denied employment for federal jobs. Members of the Guard and Reserve are subject to recall to active duty (Title 10 & Title 32, and State Active Duty) while members. Being subject to recall for federal service may discourage employment by federal employers. This act also provided needed preference points for spouses of unemployable disabled veterans, unmarried widows or widowers of veterans, and the mothers of deceased veterans. Support for FY 14 Defense Appropriations Bill will provide \$146 million in support for 8 new UH-60M Black Hawk helicopters for the Army National Guard. The U.S. Senate Appropriations Defense subcommittee added \$ 10 million for 7 UH 60A to UH 60L upgrades. Support for the Army National Guard and the Blackhawk fleet are essential to national security and our readiness for response to local emergencies and disasters.


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