

State of North Carolina  
County of Columbus



**Resolution**  
**Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans**

**WHEREAS**, The residents Columbus County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, The contributions and sacrifices of those who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Columbus County seeks to honor individuals who have made countless sacrifices for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

**WHEREAS**, Veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, civil services, and by functioning as County Veterans Services Officers in 29 states to help fellow former service members access more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability and compensations benefits each year; and

**WHEREAS**, Approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually; and

**WHEREAS**, An estimated 20 percent increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future; and

**WHEREAS**, Studies indicate that 44-72 percent of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life; and

**WHEREAS**, Active military service members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and

**WHEREAS**, The National Association of Counties encourages all counties, parishes and borough to recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans; and


**WHEREAS**, Columbus County appreciates the sacrifices of our United States military personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted; therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, With designation as a Green Light for Veterans County, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners hereby declares from October 16, 2023 through November 12, 2023 a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifices of our men and women in uniform transitioning from active service; therefore, be in further

**RESOLVED**, That in observance of Operation Green Light, Columbus County encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying green lights in a window of their place of business or residence from October 16, 2023 through the November 12, 2023.

Adopted this 2nd day of October, 2023.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Jana Nealey, Clerk to the Board

  
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Ricky Bullard, Columbus County  
Board of Commissioners