



Proclamation

Recognizing

Supporting Operation Green Light for Active Military Service Members in Transition to Civilian Life (Veteran Status)

WHEREAS, the residents of Gates County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all of the men and women who have selflessly served their country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women that served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Gates County seeks to honor these individuals who have paid the high price of freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 700,000 veterans in the State of North Carolina, with over 829 of them being in Gates County; and

WHEREAS, Veterans continue to serve their community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, church groups, civil service; and

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

WHEREAS, an estimated 20% increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future; and

WHEREAS, studies indicate that 44% to 72% 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 Gates County Board of Commissioners appreciate the sacrifices our United States Military Personnel made while defending freedom and believes specific recognition be accorded them in appreciation of their service to demonstrate the honor and support they have earned;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as we approach Veterans Day in 2023, the Gates County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaim that Gates County recognizes Operation Green Light and encourages its citizens and businesses to honor those whose immeasurable sacrifice helped preserve our freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their place of business or residence.

Adopted this the 18th day of October, 2023.

Dr. Althea Riddick 10/23/23

Dr. Althea Riddick, Chair
Gates County Board of Commissioners

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Gates County Board of Commissioners

