



RESOLUTION

Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans

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

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

WHEREAS, Halifax County seeks to honor these individuals who have paid the high price 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 service, and by functioning as County Veteran Service Officers in 29 states to help fellow former service members access more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability and compensation 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 to 72 percent of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life; and

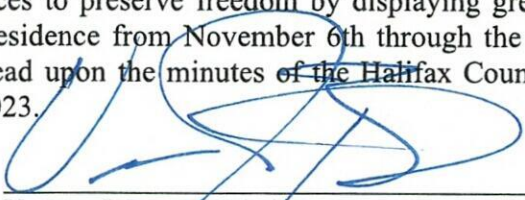
WHEREAS, active military service members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties encourages all counties, parishes and boroughs to recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans; and

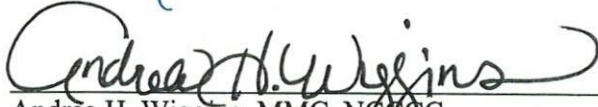
WHEREAS, Halifax County appreciates the sacrifices of our United States Military Personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with designation as a Green Light for Veterans County, that Halifax County hereby declares from October 11, 2023, through Veterans Day November 11, 2023, a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform transitioning from active service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in observance of Operation Green Light, Halifax 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 November 6th through the 12th, 2023, and that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Halifax County Board of Commissioners this 2nd day of October 2023.



Vernon J. Bryant, Chairman
Halifax County Board of Commissioners



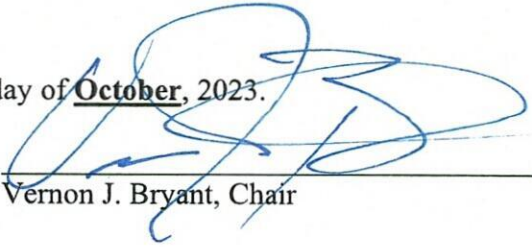
Andrea H. Wiggins, MMC, NCCOC
Clerk to the Board and Assistant to the County Manager

Resolution Authorizing Application for USDA-RD Special Evaluation Assistance
for Rural Communities and Households ("SEARCH") Grant

A RESOLUTION of the Board of County Commissioners of Halifax County, North Carolina (the Board), authorizing application for financial assistance with the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, to finance a Preliminary Engineering Report and Environmental Review in relation to a Closing America's Wastewater Gap pilot initiative in the Meadows Sewer District/Hollister/Haliwa-Saponi area of Halifax County with the assistance of a Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households ("SEARCH") Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the County Manager to execute all documents relating to this USDA Rural Development SEARCH grant, including the acceptance of all terms and conditions of the grant, if awarded, and ratifies all actions taken by the County Manager or other county staff in furtherance of this grant to date.

ADOPTED this 2nd day of October, 2023.



Vernon J. Bryant, Chair

Attest:



Andrea H. Wiggins MMC, NCMCC, Clerk to the Board