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RESOLUTION SUPPORTING
OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS
IN TRANSITION TO CIVILIAN LIFE (VETERAN STATUS)

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

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

WHEREAS, Lincoln County seeks to honor these individuals who have paid the highest price for 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 approximately 6,500 of them being in Lincoln County; and

WHEREAS, this Board acknowledges that veterans continue to serve their community in many ways, including their interaction with groups such as the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, church groups, civil service, etc.; and

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

WHEREAS, there is estimated to be a 20% increase of service members who 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 Lincoln County Board of Commissioners appreciates the sacrifices our United State Military Personnel made while defending freedom and believes that specific recognition should be accorded them in appreciation of their service and to demonstrate the honor and support they have earned;



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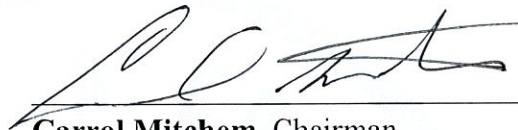
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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that with designation as a Green Light for Military Service County:

1. Lincoln County hereby declares from November 6, 2023 through November 12, 2023 a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform transitioning from Active Service to Civilian Life; and

2. In observance of Operation Green Light, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners encourages its citizens, in patriotic tradition, to recognize the importance of honoring all those who have sacrificed immeasurably to preserve freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their place of business or residence.

This the 16 day of October, 2023.



Carrol Mitchem, Chairman

Lincoln County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Melissa Elmore

Clerk to the Board