

PROCLAMATION SUPPORTING OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS

WHEREAS, the residents of Alexander County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all 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, Alexander 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 service, and by functioning as County Veterans 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, which is expected to increase by 20% in the near future; and

WHEREAS, studies indicate that 44-72% of service members experience high levels of stress during the transition from military to civilian life and are at high risk for suicide during the first year after active service; and

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

WHEREAS, Alexander County appreciates the sacrifices of our United States military personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted.

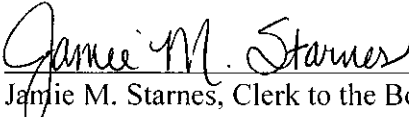
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, with designation as a Green Light for Veterans County, the Alexander County Board of Commissioners does hereby declare the timeframe each year between October 1st through Veterans Day, November 11th as a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifices of our men and women in uniform transitioning from active service;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in observance of Operation Green Light, Alexander 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 each year during the week prior to and on Veterans Day.

Adopted this the 6th day of November, 2023


Marty A. Pennell, Chairman

ATTEST:


Jamie M. Starnes, Clerk to the Board