



RESOLUTION SUPPORTING OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS

WHEREAS, the residents of Person County have utmost respect, appreciation and gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served our country and our community in the U.S. Armed Forces and believe these service members should be granted specific recognition, and;

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices made by those who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens, and Person County seeks to honor these 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 various civic, religious and community organizations, as well as through civil service and by volunteering at various community-based events, and;

WHEREAS, members of the Person County Veterans Council, assist Person County veterans by serving as a liaison with the community in coordinating services and activities that benefit and honor local veterans and their families and solicit information and provide updates about activities honoring veterans in our community, and;

WHEREAS, Person County recognizes the necessity and value of employing a dedicated Veteran's Services Officer whose role includes aiding and advocating for local veterans by helping them navigate the complexities of veteran specific benefits, resources and programs and ensuring they receive the benefits and assistance they deserve, and;

WHEREAS, approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually, and 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 active military service members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service, and;

WHEREAS, as of 2022, 40 percent of transitioning service members stationed in bases throughout North Carolina decided to stay in North Carolina upon their transition to civilian life, and 55 percent of service members retiring from the military with 20-plus years of service also made the decision to stay in North Carolina, and;

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties encourages all counties, parishes and boroughs to participate in Operation Green Light for Veterans 2023 by shining green lights throughout their communities to let local veterans know they are seen, appreciated and supported, and;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that having officially been designated a "Green Light for Veterans County," Person County hereby declares now through November 12, 2023 a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifices of our men and women in uniform, and;

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in observance of Operation Green Light 2023, the Person County Board of Commissioners encourages its citizens and businesses to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve our freedom by displaying green lights in a window of their place of business or residence from November 6, 2023 through November 12, 2023.

Adopted this 6th day of November 2023, by the Person County Board of Commissioners.




Gordon Powell, Chairman

Attest:


Michele Solomon, Clerk to the Board