

Resolution Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans

WHEREAS, the residents of Rutherford 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, Rutherford 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, there are approximately 654,365 veterans in the State of North Carolina, with over 4,920 of them residing in Rutherford County; 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 the County recognizes that participating in Operation Green Light will help educate and inform current or transitioning veterans residing in Rutherford County regarding the services currently provided by the Rutherford County Veterans Services Department; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties and the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners encourages all counties, parishes and boroughs to recognize and honor veteran and transitioning Military Service Members by lighting up their facilities as per the Operation Green Light for Veterans recommendations; and

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

RESOLVED, with designation as a Green Light for Rutherford County hereby declares November 4th, 2024, through Veterans Day, November 11th, 2024 as a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our veteran men and women in uniform and those transitioning from Active Service; therefore, be it further



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RESOLVED, that in observance of Operation Green Light, Rutherford County encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their place of business or residence.

Adopted this the 4th Day of November, 2024.

Bryan A. King, Chairman
Rutherford County Board of Commissioners

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