



Board of County Commissioners

Resolution No. 2022 –

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Public Works/Economic Development Committee

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS

WHEREAS, the residents of Salem County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for 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, Salem 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 44-72 percent of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life; and

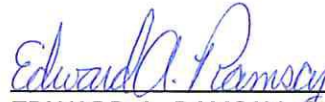
WHEREAS, Active Military Service Members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and

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

WHEREAS, Salem County appreciates the sacrifices of our United State Military Personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Salem as follows: with designation as a Green Light for Veterans County, Salem County hereby declares from November 7th through November 13th, 2022, a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women who served in uniform, as well as those transitioning from Active Service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in observance of Operation Green Light, Salem 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.



EDWARD A. RAMSAY, County Commissioner
Chair, Economic Development/Public Works
Committee

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true resolution adopted by the Salem County Board of County Commissioners on October 19, 2022.



STACY L. PENNINGTON
Clerk of the Board

RECORD OF VOTE

COMMISSIONER	RESOLUTION MOVED	RESOLUTION SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
G. Ostrum, Jr.			✓			
E. Ramsay	✓		✓			
L. Ware						✓
R.S. Griscom		✓	✓			
B. Laury			✓			

✓ Indicates Vote

Department Initials BPB/ VA office