



Board of County Commissioners

Resolution No. 2023 –

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Health & Human Services Committee

**RESOLUTION DECLARING NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> – 12<sup>TH</sup>  
OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS IN SALEM COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the residents of Salem County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all 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**, 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 and family 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**, studies indicate that 44-72 percent (44%-72%) of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military active duty 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 Salem County Commissioners and Salem County Dept. of Veterans Affairs join the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers (NACVSO) and encourage the municipality and borough governments in Salem County, to recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans and shine a green light at their building; and

**WHEREAS**, the Salem County Commissioners and Salem County Dept. of Veterans Affairs invite all residents, businesses, churches, organizations to join the effort and shine a green light at their house or building to let Veterans know they are seen, appreciated, and supported; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Salem County Board of County Commissioners as follows: the County of Salem County hereby declares Operation Green Light for Veterans from November 6<sup>th</sup> through November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 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.

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in observance of Operation Green Light for Veterans, 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 or entrance of their place of business or residence.

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DANIEL S. TIMMERMAN Commissioner  
Chair, Health & Human Services Committee

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true resolution adopted by the Salem County Board of County Commissioners on November 1, 2023.

  
STACY L. PENNINGTON  
Clerk of the Board

RECORD OF VOTE

COMMISSIONER	RESOLUTION MOVED	RESOLUTION SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
E. Ramsay		✓	✓			
C. Taylor			✓			
D. Timmerman						✓
G. Ostrum Jr.	✓		✓			
B. Laury			✓			

✓ Indicates Vote

Department Initials \_\_\_\_\_