



RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HONORING DARE COUNTY'S VETERANS BY PARTICIPATING IN OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FROM NOVEMBER 4, 2024 THROUGH NOVEMBER 11, 2024

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

WHEREAS, the Dare County Board of Commissioners established the Dare County Veterans Advisory Council in respectful recognition of the service and sacrifice of all Dare County veterans as represented in all five branches of the United States military, and;

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

WHEREAS, the residents of Dare County have the utmost respect, appreciation and gratitude for all of the men and women who have selflessly served our country and 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 Dare 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 organizations such as the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups and community organizations, as well as through civil service and by volunteering at various community-based events, and;

WHEREAS, approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually, and currently 42 percent of transitioning service members stationed in bases throughout North Carolina plan to stay in North Carolina upon their transition to civilian life, and;

WHEREAS, studies indicate that 44-72 percent of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life and that active military service members

transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service, and;

WHEREAS, more than 3,200 veterans who are currently residing within Dare County are receiving services provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) that range from healthcare to assistance with filing claims, and;

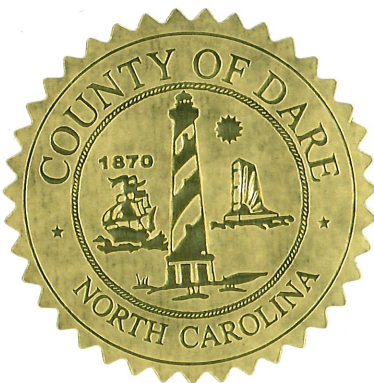
WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties encourages all counties, parishes and boroughs to participate in Operation Green Light for Veterans by shining green lights throughout their communities to let local veterans know they are seen, appreciated and supported, and;

WHEREAS, Dare County participated in Operation Green Light for the first time in November 2023 and an array of Dare County government buildings were illuminated with green lighting to demonstrate the community's appreciation of and support for local veterans, and;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that having officially been designated a "Green Light for Veterans County," Dare County announces its upcoming participation in Operation Green Light 2024 and hereby declares November 4, 2024 through November 11, 2024 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 2024, the Dare County Board of Commissioners encourages its citizens 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 4, 2024 through November 11, 2024.

This the 7th day of October 2024.



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Robert Woodard, Sr., Chairman

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Skyler Foley", written over a horizontal line.

Skyler Foley, Clerk to the Board