



WHEREAS, the residents of Gaston 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 those who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County seeks to honor 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 the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, civil service, and by functioning as County Veterans 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, the National Association of Counties encourages all counties, parishes and boroughs to recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County appreciates the sacrifices of our United States military personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted; and,

WHEREAS, we urge all citizens of Gaston County to join in honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom to salute and honor the service and sacrifices of our men and women in uniform transitioning from active service by displaying green lights in a window of their place of business or residence from November 4th through the 11th, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners proclaims October 22, 2024 through Veterans Day, November 11, 2024 as

OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS

we encourage all citizens of Gaston County in observance of Operation Green Light, a patriotic tradition, to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom.

Chad Brown, Chairman

Cathy Cloninger

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To be Adopted the 22nd Day of October 2024



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DHHS - Community Support Services Division

Board Action

File #: 24-494

Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Community Support Services (Veterans Services) - Proclamation - To Proclaim October 22, 2024 through November 11, 2024 as **Operation Green Light for Veterans** in Gaston County

STAFF CONTACT

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BACKGROUND

To proclaim October 22, 2024 through November 11, 2024 as Operation Green Light for Veterans.

ATTACHMENTS

Proclamation

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I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the County Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of action taken by the Board of Commissioners as follows:

NO.	DATE	M1	M2	CBrown	CCloninger	AFraley	BHovis	KJohnson	TKeigher	RWorley	Vote
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