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## Rowan County Board of Commissioners

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### RESOLUTION SUPPORTING OPERATION **GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS**

**WHEREAS**, the residents of Rowan 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**, Rowan 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 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**, the Rowan County Board of Commissioners appreciates the sacrifices of our United States Military Personnel and believes specific recognition should be accorded to them.



***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, the Rowan County Board of Commissioners, with designation as a **Green Light for Veterans County**, hereby declares the week of November 7<sup>th</sup> 2022, through November 13<sup>th</sup> 2022, a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform transitioning from Active Service; *and*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*** that in observance of **Operation Green Light**, the Rowan County Board of Commissioners 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.

This the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2022.

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Gregory C. Edds, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Carolyn Barger, Clerk to the Board