

RESOLUTION 2023-R-9

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DEKALB, INDIANA **Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans**

WHEREAS, the residents of DeKalb 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, DeKalb 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 service organizations such as the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans Affairs, American Vets, veteran non-profits, religious groups, civil service; and

WHEREAS County Veteran Service Officers help and assist 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, all 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 DeKalb County Commissioners appreciate the sacrifices of our United States Military Personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted; therefore be it

RESOLVED, with designation as a Green Light County for veterans, DeKalb County hereby declares from November 1st through Veterans Day, November 11th a time to salute and honor

the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform transitioning from Military Service; therefore, be it further

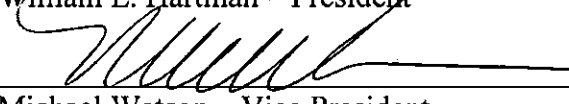
RESOLVED, DeKalb County hereby declares the DeKalb County court house will be lighted in green lights annually from November 1st through Veterans Day, November 11th as a reminder to all those who visit and drive by of the sacrifices made by all veterans; therefore be it further

RESOLVED, that in observance of Operation Green Light, DeKalb 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.

Signed, this 1st Day of May, 2023.

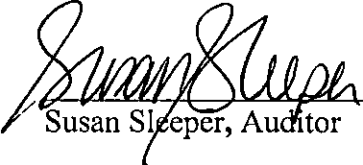
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