

1 **A RESOLUTION BY THE FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF**
2 **COMMISSIONERS 2 SUPPORTING OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR**
3 **VETERANS; AND FOR OTHER 3 RELATED PURPOSES.**

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5 **WHEREAS**, the residents of Fulton County have great respect, admiration, and
6 the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served our
7 country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the contributions and sacrifices of those who served in the Armed
9 Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our
10 citizens; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Fulton County seeks to honor individuals who have made
12 countless sacrifices for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good
13 of all; and

14 **WHEREAS**, veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion,
15 Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, civil service, and by functioning as County
16 Veterans Service Officers in 29 states to help fellow former service members access
17 more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability and compensation benefits each
18 year; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian
20 communities annually; and

21 **WHEREAS**, an estimated 20 percent increase of service members will
22 transition to civilian life in the near future; and

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

25 **WHEREAS**, active military service members transitioning from military service
26 are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and

27 **WHEREAS**, the National Association of Counties encourages all counties,

28 parishes and boroughs to recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans; and

29 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County appreciates the sacrifices of our United States
30 military personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted; therefore be
31 it

32 **RESOLVED**, with designation as a Green Light for Veterans County Fulton
33 County hereby declares from October through Veterans Day, November 11, 2023,
34 a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifices of our men and women in
35 uniform transitioning from active service; therefore, be it further

36 **RESOLVED**, that in observance of Operation Green Light, Fulton County
37 encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring
38 all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying green
39 lights in a window of their place of business or residence from November 6th through
40 the 12th, 2023.

41 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County,
42 Georgia, this 6th day of September 2023.

43 **FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

44 Sponsored By:



45 *Bridget Thorne*

46 Bridget Thorne, Commissioner (District 1)

47 *Khadijah Abdur-Rahman*

48 Khadijah Abdur-Rahman, Commissioner (District 6)

49 ATTEST:

50 *Tonya R. Grier*

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52 Clerk to the Commission

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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County Attorney



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