

1 **A RESOLUTION BY THE FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
2 **SUPPORTING OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS; AND FOR OTHER**  
3 **RELATED PURPOSES.**  
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6 **WHEREAS**, the residents of Fulton County, Georgia have great respect,  
7 admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly  
8 served our country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

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

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

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

20 **WHEREAS**, approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian  
21 communities annually; and

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

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

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

28 **WHEREAS**, the National Association of Counties (NACo) encourages all

counties, parishes and boroughs to recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans;  
and

**WHEREAS**, the Fulton County, Georgia appreciates the sacrifices of our United States military personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, with designation as a Green Light for Veterans County, Fulton County, Georgia hereby declares that from October through Veterans Day, November 11, 2023, shall be a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifices of our men and women in uniform transitioning from active service.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that in observance of Operation Green Light, Fulton County, Georgia encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying green lights in a window of their place of business or residence from November 6<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County, Georgia, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.

**FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS**

Sponsored By:

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Bridget Thorne, Commissioner (District 1)

ATTEST:

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Tonya R. Grier  
Clerk to the Commission

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Y. Soo Jo, County Attorney