

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

RESOLUTION NUMBER 24-20

COUNTY OF DORCHESTER

Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans

WHEREAS, the residents of Dorchester 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, Dorchester 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. An estimated 20 percent increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future; and

WHEREAS, studies indicate that 44 to 72 percent of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life. 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, Dorchester County appreciates the sacrifices of our United States military personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Dorchester County Council declares November 4th through November 11th, 2024, Operation Green Light for Veterans in Dorchester County and designates this week as a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifices of our men and women in uniform transitioning from active service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in observance of Operation Green Light for Veterans, Dorchester County Council encourages its citizens 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 4th through November 11th, 2024.

ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF OCTOBER 2024.

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