



Resolution 2022-24

Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR LINCOLN COUNTY, MONTANA FINDS:

WHEREAS, the residents of Lincoln 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, Lincoln 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

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, 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, Lincoln County appreciates the sacrifices of our United State Military Personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted; therefore be it



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THE BOARD RESOLVES:

With designation as a Green Light for Veterans County, Lincoln County hereby declares the Month of November 2022, a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform transitioning from Active Service; therefore, be it further

THE BOARD FURTHER RESOLVES:

That in observance of Operation Green Light, Lincoln 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.

THE BOARD FURTHER RESOLVES:

- 1. If a provision of this resolution conflicts with a provision of a previously adopted resolution, this resolution will prevail.
- 2. This resolution and its various sections, clauses and paragraphs are severable. If any part, sentence, clause or phrase is adjudged to be unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder of the resolution will not be affected.
- 3. This resolution will be effective immediately upon adoption, in accordance with § 7-5-123, MCA.
- 4. This Board directs that this resolution be entered into the minutes and signed by the Chair of the Board in accordance with § 7-5-121, MCA.

END OF RESOLUTION

Approved as to Form:

Marcia Boris, County Attorney

Date presented to the Board 10/26/22 Approved (*) Disapproved (*) Amended (*)

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Adopted this 26 th day of October 26, 2022.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jerry Bennett, Chair

ATTEST:

Robin Benson, Clerk of the Board

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