

SAN JUAN COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 2022 - 16

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSION SUPPORTING OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS

WHEREAS, the residents of San Juan 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, San Juan 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, the San Juan County appreciates the sacrifices of our United States Military Personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of San Juan County Commissioners Designate San Juan County as a Green Light for Veterans county.

RESOLVED, with designation as a Green Light for Veterans County, San Juan County hereby declares from October through Veterans Day, November 11th 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

RESOLVED, that in observance of Operation Green Light, San Juan 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.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Board of San Juan County Commissioners this 4th day of October 2022 by the following vote:

Those voting Aye: Willie Grayeyes, Kenneth Maryboy, Bruce Adams

Those voting Nay:

Absent:

Board of San Juan County Commissioners



Willie Grayeyes, Chairman

Attest:



Lyman W. Duncan, County Clerk/Auditor