

ALACHUA COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - \_\_**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING OPERATION  
GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE  
DATE.

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

**RESOLVED**, with designation as a Green Light for Veterans County, Alachua County hereby declares from November 6 - 12, 2023, 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, Alachua 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, it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the County Manager is directed and authorized to change the exterior lighting on appropriate County building to display green lights as set forth herein.

This Resolution shall become effective upon approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

**DULY ADOPTED** in regular session, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

ATTEST:

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J.K. "Jess" Irby, Esq.  
Clerk of Court

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Anna Prizzia, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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County Attorney

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