



COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

The Board of County Commissioners meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month in the Columbia County School Board Administrative Complex Auditorium, 372 West Duval Street, Lake City, Florida 32055. The first meeting of every month is at 9:30AM while the second meeting of every month takes place at 5:30PM. All agenda items are due in the Board's office one week prior to the meeting date.

Today's Date: 10/19/2022 Meeting Date: 11/3/2022

Name: Ellen Snyder Department: BCC Administration

Approved By:

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1. Nature and purpose of agenda item:

Resolution 2022R-58 Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans is sponsored by the National Association of Counties

2. Recommended Motion/Action:

Approve Resolution 2022R-58 Supporting Operation Green Light

3. Fiscal impact on current budget.

This item has no effect on the current budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022R-58

SUPPORTING OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS

WHEREAS, the residents of Columbia 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, Columbia 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 Columbia 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, Columbia County hereby declares from October through Veterans Day, November 11, 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, Columbia 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 AND ADOPTED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbia County, Florida at its regular meeting on November 3rd, 2022

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

BY: _____
Robby Hollingsworth, Chairman

James M. Swisher Jr., Clerk of Court

Approve as to form:

Joel Foreman, County Attorney