



COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners Operation Green Light For Veterans 2025

WHEREAS, the residents of Chatham County hold deep respect, admiration, and gratitude for the men and women who have selflessly served our country and community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of those who have served are vital to preserving the freedom and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Chatham 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 through organizations such as the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, civil service, and as County Veterans Service Officers in 29 states, helping fellow former service members access more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability, and compensation benefits annually; and

WHEREAS, approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian life each year, with an expected 20 percent increase in the near future; and

WHEREAS, studies show that 44–72 percent of transitioning service members experience high levels of stress, and are at increased 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, Chatham County deeply appreciates the sacrifices made by United States military personnel and believes they deserve specific recognition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners hereby declares November 4–11, 2025 as Green Light for Veterans Week in Chatham County. The County will observe this recognition by displaying green lights on the Chatham County Historic Courthouse and encourages residents, in patriotic tradition, to honor all who have served by displaying a green light in a window of their home or business during this time.

Adopted, this the 20th day of October 2025.

Karen Howard, Chair

ATTEST:

Jenifer K Johnson, Clerk to the Board

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