



POPE COUNTY MINNESOTA

POPE COUNTY RESOLUTION 202325

SUPPORTING OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS AT POPE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the residents of Pope County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all who have selflessly served our country and community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of those who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Pope 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 in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, civil service, and by functioning as County Veterans 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, a number expected to rise by an additional 20 percent in the near future; and

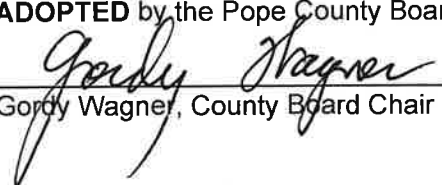
WHEREAS, studies indicate that 44 to 72 percent of service members experience high levels of stress and can be at higher risk of suicide during transition from military to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, Pope County appreciates the sacrifices of our United States military personnel and along with the National Association of Counties believes specific recognition should be granted;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as part of Operation Green Light for Veterans, Pope County hereby declares this Veterans Day week, from November 6 to November 12, 2023, a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifices of our men and women in uniform transitioning from active service; and

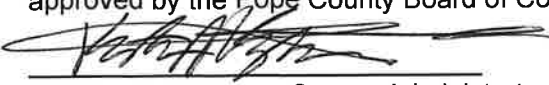
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in observance of Operation Green Light for Veterans, Pope County encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying green lights in a window of their place of business or residence during this week.

ADOPTED by the Pope County Board of Commissioners this 7th day of November, 2023.


Gordy Wagner, County Board Chair

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the Resolution duly passed, adopted, and approved by the Pope County Board of Commissioners on the 7th day of November, 2023.


Kersten Kappmeyer, County Administrator
Pope County, Minnesota

