Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the County of Monterey, State of California

Resolution No.:

Adopt a resolution recognizing **Operation Green Light for Veterans** designed to show support for our Nation's Veterans, raise awareness of the County's role in providing support and resources to Veterans in Monterey County.

WHEREAS, The residents of the County of Monterey have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this 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 residents; and

WHEREAS, The County of Monterey 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; 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 County of Monterey appreciates the sacrifices of our United States military personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, declares November 1, 2024 through Veterans Day, November 11, 2024 as **Operation Green Light for Veterans** with designation as a Green

Light for County Veterans, a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifices of our men and women in uniform transitioning from active service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in observance of Operation Green Light, the County of Monterey encourages its residents in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying green lights at their place of business or residence or in a window of their place of business or residence from November 4, 2024, through the 11, 2024.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this	day of	, 2024, by the following vote,
to wit:		
AYES:		
NOES:		
ABSENT:		
I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of California, hereby certify that the foregous Supervisors duly made and entered in the con, 2024.	oing is a true copy	of an original order of said Board of
Dated:		
	1	n, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors onterey, State of California.
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