

1 **106-092022**

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3 **RESOLUTION: Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans**

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6 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

7 **WHEREAS**, the residents of Winnebago County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all
8 of the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

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

11 **WHEREAS**, Winnebago County seeks to honor these individuals who have paid the high price for freedom
12 by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars,
14 religious groups, civil service, and by functioning as County Veteran Service Officers in 29 states to help fellow former
15 service members access more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability and compensation benefits each year; and

16 **WHEREAS**, approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually; and

17 **WHEREAS**, an estimated 20 percent increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near
18 future; and

19 **WHEREAS**, studies indicate that 44-72 percent of service member experience high levels of stress during
20 transition from military to civilian life; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Active Military Service Members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide
22 during their first year after military service; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the National Association of Counties encourages all counties, parishes and boroughs to
24 recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the Winnebago County appreciates the sacrifices of our United State Military Personnel and
26 believes specific recognition should be granted.

27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, with designation as a Green Light for Veterans County,
28 Winnebago County hereby declares from October through Veterans Day, November 11th 2022 a time to salute and
29 honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform transitioning from Active Service.

30 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that in observance of Operation Green Light, Winnebago County encourages
31 its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices
32 to preserve freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their place of business or residence.

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34 Respectfully submitted by:

35 **VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION**

36 **MICHAEL NORTON, DISTRICT 20**

37 Committee Vote: **5-0**

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39 Vote Required for Passage: **Majority**

42 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2022.

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45 Jonathan D. Doemel

46 Winnebago County Executive