



## RESOLUTION 2022-104

### **SUPPORTING OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS**

**WHEREAS**, the Valencia County Board of Commissioners met upon notice of a Business Meeting, duly published, at the Valencia County Administration Building, 444 Luna Avenue, Los Lunas, New Mexico 87031 on Wednesday, September 7, 2022, at 5:00 PM as required by law; and,

**WHEREAS**, the residents of Valencia 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**, Valencia 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**, Valencia County appreciates the sacrifices of our United State Military Personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted; therefore be it

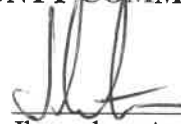
**NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED**, with designation as a Green Light for Veterans, Valencia County hereby declares from October through Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup> 2022 a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform transitioning from Active Service;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in observance of Operation Green Light, Valencia 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.

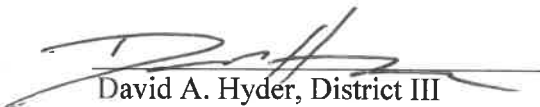
**APPROVED, ADOPTED AND RESOLVED** this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

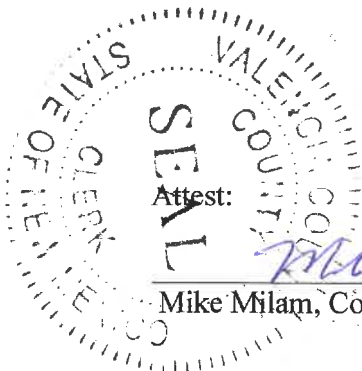
  
Gerard Saiz, Chair, District I

  
Jhonathan Aragon, Vice-Chair, District V

  
Troy Richardson, District II

  
David A. Hyder, District III

  
Joseph Bizzell, District IV



Attest:

  
Mike Milam, County Clerk