



## PROCLAMATION

### Supporting Operation Green Light for Active Military Service Members In Transition to Civilian Life (Veteran Status)

**WHEREAS**, the residents of the Town of Pineville have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all of the men and women who have selflessly served their country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Pineville 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**, there are approximately 700,000 veterans in the State of North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, Veterans continue to serve their community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, church groups, civil service; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, studies indicate that 44% to 72% 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 Town of Pineville Town Council appreciates the sacrifices our United States Military personnel made while defending freedom and believes specific recognition be accorded them in appreciation of their service and to demonstrate the honor and support, they have earned;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town of Pineville Town Council appreciates the sacrifices our United States Military personnel made while defending freedom and believes specific recognition be accorded them in appreciation of their service to demonstrate the honor and support, they have earned; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, as we approach Veterans Day in 2023, the Town of Pineville hereby proclaim that Pineville recognizes Operation Green Light and encourages its citizens and businesses to honor those who immeasurable sacrifice helped preserve our freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their place of business or residence.

Adopted this the 14th day of November 2023.

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Jack Edwards, Mayor