



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: October 28, 2025

Title of Item: Operation Green Light for Veterans

☐ REGULAR AGENDA ☒ CONSENT AGENDA	Action Requested: ☐ Approve/Deny Motion ☒ Adopt Resolution (attach draft) ☐ Hold Public Hearing <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>	☐ Direction Requested ☐ Discussion Item ☐ Information Only
Submitted by: Penny Harms		Department: Veterans Service
Presenter (Name and Title): Penny Harms		Estimated Time Needed:
Summary of Issue: Adopt a resolution to support Operation Green Light for Veterans November 4-11, 2025.		
Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:		
Recommended Action/Motion: Adopt the attached resolution to support Operation Green Light		
Financial Impact: <i>Is there a cost associated with this request?</i> ☐ Yes ☒ No <i>What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$</i> <i>Is this budgeted?</i> ☐ Yes ☐ No <i>Please Explain:</i>		

CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION OF COUNTY BOARD OF AITKIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA

ADOPTED October 28, 2025

By Commissioner: xxx

20251028-xxx

Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans

WHEREAS, the residents of Aitkin County 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 citizens; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with designation as a Green Light for Veterans County, Aitkin County hereby declares November 4-11, 2025, as a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifices of those transitioning from active service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in observance of Operation Green Light, for Veterans, Aitkin County will light the front of Government Services Building and the Judicial Center in green lights from November 4 – 11, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Aitkin 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 from November 4-11, 2025.

Commissioner xxx seconded the adoption of the resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote

xxx MEMBERS PRESENT

All Members Voting xxx

**STATE OF MINNESOTA}
COUNTY OF AITKIN}**

I, David J. Minke, County Administrator, Aitkin County, Minnesota do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in the Administration Office of Aitkin County in Aitkin, Minnesota as stated in the minutes of the proceedings of said Board on the 28rd day of October 2025, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and seal this 28rd day of October 2025

David J. Minke
County Administrator