



**RESOLUTION 26-12
OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS**

WHEREAS, the residents, property owners, visitors, elected officials, and staff of the Town of Holden Beach have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces and appreciate the sacrifices of our United States military personnel; 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, the Town of Holden Beach seeks to honor those 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, state and nation 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, 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 would like to honor those who have served by recognizing Operation Green Light for Veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Holden Beach hereby declares November 4-11, 2026, as a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifices of those transitioning from active service and 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, 2026.

Adopted this the 27th day of October, 2026.

ATTEST:

J. Alan Holden, Mayor

Heather Finnell, Town Clerk