

# Proclamation

## SUPPORTING OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS

**WHEREAS**, the residents of Hardin County, Texas have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all 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**, Hardin 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

**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

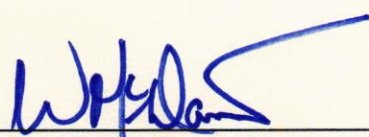
**WHEREAS**, active military service members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and

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

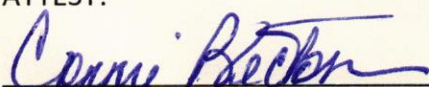
**WHEREAS**, Hardin County appreciates the sacrifices of our United States military personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Wayne McDaniel, County Judge of Hardin County, Texas, do hereby proclaim this day through Veterans Day, November 11, 2024, a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifices of our men and women in uniform transitioning from active service; and encourages Hardin County 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, 2024, through November 11, 2024.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024.

  
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JUDGE WAYNE MCDANIEL  
Hardin County Judge

ATTEST:

  
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CONNIE BECTON  
County Clerk