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RESOLUTION NO. $\boxed{1}$ -2023

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF A MEMORIAL WITHIN DAUPHIN COUNTY TO HONOR GOLD STAR FAMILIES AND RECOGNIZE FALLEN VETERANS

WHEREAS, tens of thousands of Dauphin County residents have served in the United States military since the nation's founding; and

WHEREAS, far too many of the nation's soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines have tragically died during their service and left behind family, friends, and fellow service members; and

WHEREAS, these loved ones, known as Gold Star Families, deserve a place to mourn outside the confines of a cemetery; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Gold Star Families is to provide honor, hope, and healing to those grieving a military loss; and

WHEREAS, the sacrifices made by the spouses and families of fallen members of the armed forces shall be honored daily in Dauphin County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, that:

- 1. The County of Dauphin continues to support all veterans, current or former, and wishes to recognize their families and friends in surviving the grave losses of their loved ones.
- 2. The Commissioners of the County of Dauphin support Pennsylvania House of Representatives Bill 71 of 2023, which would create a memorial to Gold Star Families within the County using private donations.
- 3. The Commissioners sincerely thank the men and women of the United States military, and those closest to them, for the greatest sacrifice given to our nation.

Approved this 31st day of May, 2023.

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ATTEST:

Scott Burford

Chief Clerk/Chief of Staff

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