Veronica R. Waters GA Department of Defense Military Family Support Branch, J1 135 Selig Drive SW Atlanta, GA 30336 January 22, 2022

To whom it may concern,

It is with much enthusiasm and without any reservation that I highly recommend Operation Appreciation (OpA) as a grant recipient. OpA is a unique organization because of Beth's ability to identify and fill immediate needs without an extensive application process. The Military Family Support Branch (MFSB) partners with other community organizations that only assist service members who met certain established veteran criteria. OpA continues to operate outside of those parameters to meet the critical needs of veterans, those currently serving or deployed in support of overseas missions.

Specific examples of OpA's continued support of the Military Family Support Branch, along with the Soldiers and families of the GA National Guard are as follows. Supporter of our annual Tammy S. McEver Christmas Assistance program, as well as connected the MFSB with other community partners who have become annual supports of this initiative. Additional support to our Soldiers is the annual support of unit family fun day activities with donations (bikes, bounce houses and other outdoor activity items) and Girl Scout Troop partnership (face painting). OpA's unwavering support of our Soldiers and their families continues to have an immeasurable impact on the morale of Service Members and their families.

It has been my honor to work closely with Beth for more than 8 years. OpA has been recognized by our organization as an Outstanding Community Partner, specifically for the support of the Tammy S. McEver Christmas Assistance Program and our deployed Soldiers and their families. Beth is wholeheartedly dedicated to serving all branches and is a most deserving grant recipient I am positive OpA will ensure the ethical stewardship of any funds received.

Thank you in advance for your consideration, approval, and support of those who have volunteered to serve us. If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at veronica.r.waters.nfg@army.mil or 404-308-8744.

Sincerely,

Veronica R. Waters Soldier and Family Readiness Supervisor, South GA NG Military Family Support Branch