

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2022-21**

RESOLUTION NO. 59-2022

Title of Resolution: Operation Green Light for Veterans

Synopsis: A Resolution to designate Cecil County as a Green Light for Veterans County and encourage business and residents to display a green light on November 1-11 to salute and honor Veterans in observance of Operation Green Light for Veterans.

Introduced by: Council President on behalf of the County Executive

Introduced and order posted on: October 4, 2022

Consideration scheduled on: October 18, 2022

By: _____
Council Manager

Notice of time and title of Resolution having been posted by (date) at the County Administrative Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd, Elkton, and consideration by the County Council of Cecil County having been scheduled on (date).

By: _____
Council Manager

Explanation: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING ORDINANCE.
~~Strike through~~ indicate matter deleted from existing ordinance.
Underlining indicates language added by amendment.
~~Double Strike through~~ indicates language deleted by amendment.

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Operation Green Light for Veterans**

1 **WHEREAS**, the residents of Cecil County have great respect, admiration, and the
2 utmost gratitude for all of the men and women who have selflessly served our country
3 and this community in the Armed Forces; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in
5 the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by
6 our citizens; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Cecil County seeks to honor these individuals who have paid the high
8 price for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion,
10 Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, civil service, and by functioning as County
11 Veteran Service Officers in 29 states to help fellow former service members access more
12 than \$52 billion in federal health, disability and compensation benefits each year; and

13 **WHEREAS**, approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian
14 communities annually; and

15 **WHEREAS**, an estimated 20 percent increase of service members will transition to
16 civilian life in the near future; and

17 **WHEREAS**, studies indicate that 44-72 percent of service members experience high
18 levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Active Military Service Members transitioning from military service are
20 at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and

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

23 **WHEREAS**, Cecil County appreciates the sacrifices of our United State Military
24 Personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted.

25 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL**
26 **COUNTY, MARYLAND**, that Cecil County shall be designated as a Green Light for Veterans
27 County, and November 1st through Veterans Day, November 11th, 2022, shall be a time to
28 salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform transitioning
29 from Active Service.

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30 **AND, BE IT FURTHER REVOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY,**
31 **MARYLAND,** that citizens shall be encouraged to display a green light in a window of their
32 home or business in a patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those
33 who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom in observance of Operation
34 Green Light.

35 **AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY,**
36 **MARYLAND,** that this Resolution shall take effect on the date of its passage.

INTRODUCED: October 4, 2022

ADOPTED: _____

ATTEST:

President of the Council

Council Manager