

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2023-20**

RESOLUTION NO. 59-2023

Title of Resolution: Operation Green Light for Veterans

Synopsis: A Resolution to designate Cecil County as a Green Light for Veterans program participant and encouraged business and residents to display a green light on November 1-11, 2023 to salute and honor Veterans in observance of Operation Green Light for Veterans.

Introduced by: Council President at the request of the County Executive

Introduced and order posted on: November 7, 2023

Consideration scheduled on: November 21, 2023

By: _____
Council Manager

Notice of time and title of Resolution having been posted by November 7, 2023 at the County Administrative Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd, Elkton, and consideration by the County Council of Cecil County having been scheduled on November 21, 2023.

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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.

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 made countless
8 sacrifices 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 be hereby designated as a Green Light for
27 Veterans program participant evidenced by its lighting of the Cecil County Administration
28 Building from November 1 through Veterans Day, November 11, 2023, Cecil County is
29 proud to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform
30 transitioning from the Active Service.

31 **AND, BE IT FURTHER REVOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY,**
32 **MARYLAND**, that its citizens have been encouraged to display a green light in a window of
33 their home or business to recognize and honor all those who made immeasurable
34 sacrifices to preserve freedom in observance of Operation 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: November 7, 2023

ADOPTED: _____

President of the Council

ATTEST:

Council Manager