

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2024-18

RESOLUTION NO. 51-2024

Title of Resolution: Operation Green Light for Veterans

Synopsis: A Resolution to designate Cecil County as a Green Light for Veterans program participant and encourage business and residents to display a green light on November 4-11, 2024 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: October 1, 2024

Consideration scheduled on: October 15, 2024

By: _____
Council Manager

Notice of time and title of Resolution having been posted by October 1, 2024 at the County Administrative Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd, Elkton, and consideration by the County Council of Cecil County having been scheduled on October 15, 2024.

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

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

6 **WHEREAS**, Cecil County seeks to honor these individuals who have made countless sacrifices for
7 freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY,**
25 **MARYLAND**, that Cecil County be hereby designated as a Green Light for Veterans program participant
26 evidenced by its lighting of the Cecil County Administration Building from November 4 through
27 Veterans Day, November 11, 2024, Cecil County is proud to salute and honor the service and sacrifice
28 of our men and women in uniform transitioning from the Active Service.

29 **AND, BE IT FURTHER REVOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND,**
30 that its citizens have been encouraged to display a green light in a window of their home or business to

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31 recognize and honor all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom in observance of
32 Operation Green Light.

33 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND,** that
34 this Resolution shall take effect on the date of its passage by the County Council of Cecil County,
35 Maryland.

INTRODUCED: October 1, 2024

ADOPTED:

President of the Council

ATTEST:

Council Manager