



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2023-88

Operation Green Light for Veterans Week

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually and an estimated 20 percent increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future; and

WHEREAS, studies indicate that 44-72 percent of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life and Active Military Service Members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and

WHEREAS, Charles County appreciates the sacrifices of our United State Military Personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted and seeks to honor these individuals who have paid the high price for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim November 6-12, 2023 as **Operation Green Light for Veterans Week** in Charles County and encourage all residents to display a green light in a window of their place of business or residence to let veterans know that they are seen, appreciated and supported.

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