

**JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA REQUEST

TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Adiel McKnight, Executive Assistant
DATE: November 4, 2024
SUBJECT: **PROCLAMATION re:** Proclaiming the week of November 4-11, 2024 as Operation Green Light

STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

America's counties are home to 17.5 million Veterans, and we are deeply invested in Veterans' health and well-being, often serving as a veteran's first point of contact in the community for accessing services. Counties support Veterans' access to stable housing, employment and education and critical mental health services that treat trauma and prevent suicide. America's counties have a long and proud history of serving our nation's Veterans, a legacy that continues to this day as we work with our federal, state and local partners to ensure that the former service members in our communities have access to the resources they need to thrive.

This coming Veterans Day, the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the National Association of Counties Veteran Service Officers (NACVSO) invite the nation's 3,069 counties, parishes, and boroughs to join Operation Green Light and show support for Veterans by lighting our buildings green from November 4 to November 11, 2024. By shining a green light, county governments and our residents will let Veterans know that they are seen, appreciated and supported.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to Jefferson County.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Proclamation re: Proclaiming the Week of November 4 – 11, 2024 as Operation Green Light

REVIEWED BY:


Mark McCauley, County Administrator

10/30/24
Date

PROCLAMATION

Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans

WHEREAS, the residents of Jefferson 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 citizens; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County 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; 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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County appreciates the sacrifices of our United States Military Personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim November 4 - 11, 2024, a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women who wore the uniform as:

OPERATION GREENLIGHT

in Jefferson County and that in observance of Operation Green Light, encourages all citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their place of business or residence.

APPROVED this 4th day of November, 2024.

SEAL:

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Kate Dean, Chair

ATTEST:

Greg Brotherton, Member

Carolyn Gallaway, CMC Clerk of the Board

Heidi Eisenhour, Member