



SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

RESOLUTION NO. 23-043

**RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 1 TO NOVEMBER 21, 2023, AS OPERATION GREEN
LIGHT FOR VETERANS AND RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 11, 2023,
AS VETERANS DAY IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY**

WHEREAS, originally known as Armistice Day, a day set aside to recognize and honor the sacrifices of veterans of “The Great War,” World War I, to be recognized on the anniversary of the Armistice Agreement of November 11, 1918, when the war ended; and

WHEREAS, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day and declared a National Holiday in 1954, in remembrance of and in honor of all uniformed military members that have served and sacrificed for the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the people of Snohomish County have great respect, admiration, and gratitude for all of the men and women who have selflessly served our country and our community in the Armed Forces and as military families; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of our service members, veterans and military families have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our community; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County seeks to honor those who have paid the high price for freedom by placing themselves in harm’s way for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County is proud to operate a Veterans Assistance Program to serve as a portal for local veterans to access services, support and emergency assistance in our community; and

WHEREAS, nationally, 200,000 service members and their families transition to civilian communities annually and an estimated 20 percent increase in service members and their families transitioning 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, as a member of the National Association of Counties, Snohomish County joins in encouraging all counties, parishes and boroughs to recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans; and

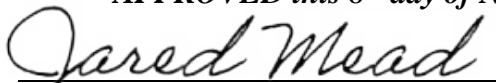
WHEREAS, we can recognize and honor, yet never fully repay, our debt of gratitude to those heroic individuals who served during peace and war time throughout our county's history; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County appreciates the sacrifices of our service members, veterans and military families and believes specific recognition should be granted;

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** Snohomish County Council does hereby recognize November 11, 2023, as Veterans Day, and November 1, 2023 through November 21, 2023, as Operation Green Light for Veterans in Snohomish County, a 21 day salute to honor the service and sacrifice of our service members in uniform transitioning from Active Service and further direct that the entrance to the Robert J. Drewel Building display a green light in honor of our open door of welcome for our veterans and military families.*

In observance of Operation Green Light, we encourage everyone who lives, works and plays in Snohomish County to recognize the importance of honoring 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 8th day of November, 2023.



Jared Mead
Council Chair



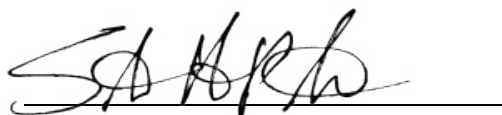
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