



**Staff Report**

For City Council Meeting - 11/2/2022

***Subject - New Business - Operation Green Light Proclamation***

**Synopsis:** The City received the attached email from Clatsop County Public Affairs regarding the County participating in Operation Green Light for Veterans; an initiative designed to shine light on the service of our veterans and their families. The idea is to install green bulbs as exterior lighting so buildings glow green from November 7th through the 13th. Residents, businesses and community partners are all encouraged to participate. City staff would like to show support and participate. You will also find the County's draft flyers attached.

**Recommendation:** The Council read and adopt the enclosed proclamation via signature to show the City's support for veterans and their families with "Operation Green Light".

**Legal Analysis:** N/A

**Financial Analysis:** N/A

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'C' followed by a flourish.

Chad

NOVEMBER 7-13, 2022

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# Operation Green Light for Veterans

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#OperationGreenLight



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## **OPERATION GREEN LIGHT PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the residents of Clatsop County and the City of Gearhart have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all who have selflessly served the United States in the Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, the contributions and sacrifices of each person who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the way of life enjoyed by the local community; and

**WHEREAS**, Clatsop County and the City of Gearhart 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**, an estimated 20 percent increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future; and

**WHEREAS**, studies indicate that 44 to 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**, Clatsop County and the City of Gearhart appreciate the sacrifices of our United States Military Personnel and believe specific recognition should be granted; and

**WHEREAS**, Operation Green Light for Veterans in Clatsop County is an initiative to let the local veteran community know that they are seen, appreciated, and supported by illuminating buildings green.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Gearhart City Council does hereby proclaim the City of Gearhart's participation in Clatsop County's

### **OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS**

initiative and invites all residents and local public, private, and non-profit community partners to honor the service and sacrifice of their neighbors in uniform that have transitioned from Active Service to civilian life and share their gratitude for the local veteran community by displaying a green light outside their place of business or residence from November 7, 2022 through November 13, 2022.

DATED this 2nd day of November, 2022.

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Kerry Smith, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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City Administrator, Chad Sweet



Chad Sweet <chadsweet@cityofgearhart.com>

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## Clatsop County to Launch "Operation Green Light" In Support of Local Veterans

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Patty Jo Angelini <pangelini@co.clatsop.or.us> Fri, Sep 16, 2022 at 4:33 PM

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Good afternoon.

We are excited to inform you that Clatsop County is joining other counties across the nation in launching **Operation Green Light for Veterans**. This initiative is designed to shine light on the service of our veterans and their families.

As part of Operation Green Light, we are illuminating all County buildings green from November 7 to November 13, 2022. By shining green lights, we aim to let veterans in our community know that they are seen, appreciated, and supported.

We are reaching out to you today to formally invite all cities within the County to partner with us in this effort by lighting your buildings green from Nov. 7-13.

A media campaign is scheduled for October, encouraging residents, businesses, and community partners to participate by changing one their building's exterior light bulbs to a green bulb on Monday, November 7 and sharing their participation on social media using the hashtag **#OperationGreenLight**.

Please let me know if you will join this effort and if you have questions.

Patty Jo Angelini

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