



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

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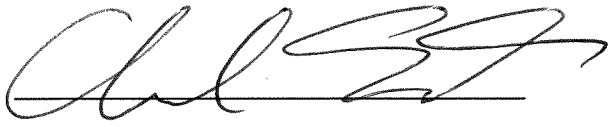
initiative and invites all residents and local public, private, and non-profit community partners to honor the service and sacrifice of their neighbors in uniform that have transitioned from Active Service to civilian life and share their gratitude for the local veteran community by displaying a green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

DATED this 2nd day of November, 2022.



Kerry Smith, MAYOR

ATTEST:



City Administrator, Chad Sweet