



Proclamation

Montgomery County Maryland

- WHEREAS,** this year Veterans Day marks the 104th anniversary of the Armistice, and we again pay tribute to those who have served our country and this community in the Armed and Uniformed Forces; and
- WHEREAS,** Montgomery County extends our deepest appreciation to the members of the Armed and Uniformed Forces past and present, and their families, who sacrifice so much to keep our country safe and strong; and
- WHEREAS,** approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually; and
- WHEREAS,** there is currently an estimated 36,000 Veterans living in Montgomery County that we work to promote their well-being; and
- WHEREAS,** a grateful County recognizes that service members may have a challenging transition to civilian life; 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,** Montgomery County has joined the efforts of the National Association of Counties in recognizing "Operation Green Light for Veterans" in their mission to show support for Veterans and raise awareness about the challenges faced by many Veterans and the resources that are available at the county, state, and federal level to assist Veterans and their families; and
- WHEREAS,** as part of Operation Green Light, which is a national initiative to support veterans, Montgomery County will light in green Memorial Plaza in Rockville from November 7 to 13 to "send a clear message to encourage County Veterans to reach out to Serving Together and other veteran service organizations for benefit information and other services."

NOW, THEREFORE, DO WE,

Marc Elrich, as County Executive, and Gabe Albornoz, as County Council President, and Craig Rice as County Councilmember of Montgomery County, Maryland, do hereby proclaim from November 7 to 13 in support of

OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS

in Montgomery County to be a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifices of those who serve in uniform transitioning from Active Service. We encourage businesses and residences to join us in displaying a green light and recognize the importance of honoring all those who have served.



Signed this 1st day of November in the year 2022

MARC ELRICH
County Executive

GABE ALBORNOZ
Council President

CRAIG RICE
Councilmember