

**Resolution/Proclamation NO. 173-2022**  
***Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans***

**WHEREAS**, the residents of Kitsap County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all who have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, the contributions and sacrifices of service members have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Kitsap 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 Kitsap Veterans Advisory Board, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Kitsap Area Veterans Alliance, and civil service, to help fellow former service members access more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability and compensation benefits available nationwide 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 44-72 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**, Kitsap County and the Kitsap Veterans Advisory Board appreciates the sacrifices of our United State Military Personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, with designation as a Green Light for Veterans County, Kitsap County hereby declares from October through Veterans Day, November 11th 2022 a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform transitioning from Active Service; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in observance of Operation Green Light, Kitsap County encourages its residents 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.

ADOPTED this 10th day of October, 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
KITSAP COUNTY, WASHINGTON



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