2023 RES-209

SUPPORT OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS

WHEREAS, Dane County joins counties, parishes, and boroughs across the country in Operation Green Light for Veterans to show support and appreciation for veterans as well as to salute and honor the service and sacrifices of those in uniform transitioning from active service; and

WHEREAS, in observance of Operation Green Light, Dane County encourages its citizens to display green lights in a window of their residence or business from November 6th through the 12th, 2023 to let veterans know that they are seen, appreciated, and supported and to honor all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom; 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 Veterans 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 an estimated 240,000 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 many are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and

WHEREAS, Dane County appreciates the staff of the Dane County Veterans Service Office and their commitment to advocate for veterans and their families in obtaining local, state, and federal veterans benefits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dane County Board of Supervisors supports Operation Green Light for Veterans and encourages residents to observe Operation Green Light from November 6th through November 12th.

_____
Patrick Miles, Chair
Dane County Board of Supervisor

Signed and sealed before me this
_____ day of _____, 2023.

_____
Scott McDonell,
Dane County Clerk