CITY OF LAKEWOOD



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the residents of the City of Lakewood have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all service members who have selflessly served our country and this community; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of those who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood seeks to honor individuals who have made countless sacrifices for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; 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 City of Lakewood appreciates the sacrifices of our United States military personnel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lakewood City Council hereby recognizes November 6th through November 12, 2023 as

OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS

in the City of Lakewood and encourages participation in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying green lights in a window of their place of business or residence from November 6, 2023 through Veterans Day, November 11, 2023.

PROCLAIMED this 6th day of November, 2023.

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