

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 106

A resolution of the Grays Harbor County Board of Commissioners amending Resolution No. 2022-120 to continue to participate in Operation Green Light for Veterans.

WHEREAS, Grays Harbor County residents have great respect, admiration, and gratitude for those who have served and those who are currently serving in the Armed Forces of the United States; and

WHEREAS, every year, approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities, and that figure is soon expected to increase by 20%; and

WHEREAS, during their transition from military to civilian life, up to 72% percent of service members experience high levels of stress and, during their first year after military service, these veterans are at a high risk of suicide; and

WHEREAS, veterans continue to serve our community through various agencies and organizations, including as veteran service officers who help fellow veterans to access more than \$52 billion dollars in federal health, disability, and compensation benefits each year; and

WHEREAS, Operation Green Light for Veterans encourages community members to thank, honor, and support veterans by displaying a green light in a window of each community member's residence or place of business beginning in the month of October and ending on Veterans Day; and

WHEREAS, in November 2022, the Grays Harbor County Board of Commissioners ("Board") adopted Resolution 2022-120, which encouraged the County to participate in Operation Green Light for Veterans from November 1 to November 11, 2022; and


WHEREAS, the Board continues to thank, honor, and supporting our veterans, whose contributions and sacrifices have been and continue to be vital in maintaining our freedom and way of life, and desires to participate in Operation Green Light for Veterans on an annual basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that Resolution No. 2022-120 is amended to add the following provision:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board that each year thereafter, from November 1 and until Veterans Day, the County shall participate in Operation Green Light for Veterans. The Board encourages all community members to thank, honor, and support our veterans by doing the same.

ADOPTED this 24th of October, 2023.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY**



Jill Warne, Chair, District 1 Commissioner



Kevin Pine (Oct 25, 2023 12:24 PDT)

Kevin Pine, District 2 Commissioner



Vickie L. Raines, District 3 Commissioner

ATTEST:



Wendy Chatham, Clerk of the Board