

Proclamation Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans

- WHEREAS, Albemarle County has great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces, and honors the contributions and sacrifices of those who served in the Armed Forces as vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by citizens; and
- WHEREAS, veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, civil service, and as Albemarle County staff, and approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually; and
- WHEREAS, studies show that service members experience high stress levels during the transition from military to civilian life, and active military service members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service.
- **WHEREAS,** Albemarle County appreciates the sacrifices of our United States military personnel and seeks to honor individuals who have made countless sacrifices for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, do hereby recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans, and declares November 4, 2025, through Veterans Day, November 11, 2025, as a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifices of our men and women in uniform transitioning from active service; and
- **BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED,** that in observance of Operation Green Light, we, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, will light the County Office Building on McIntire Road green, and encourage County residents, businesses, and organizations 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 4 through November 11, 2025.

Signed this 15th day of October 2025.

Jim Andrews, Chair Albemarle Board of County Supervisors