



## **The Town of North Beach Observes Operation Green Light for Veterans**

**WHEREAS**, the residents of the Town of North Beach, Maryland have 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

**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 citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of North Beach, Maryland 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**, veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, and civil service, 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

**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 the 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 municipalities to recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of North Beach, Maryland appreciates the sacrifices of our United States military personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted.

**NOW THEREFORE, I MICHAEL BENTON, MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF NORTH BEACH HEREBY PROCLAIM** from November 6 through November 12, 2023, **As Operation Green Light** and I encourage the citizens of North Beach 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.

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Mike Benton, Mayor