

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING NOVEMBER 11, 2025 AS

VETERANS DAY

And Recognizing Service Through Operation Green Light

WHEREAS, each year on November 11, our nation honors the service, sacrifice, and contributions of the men and women who have served in the Armed Forces to defend our freedoms at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, the armistice that ended the First World War went into effect at the beginning of the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918, and Americans first observed Armistice Day one year later in commemoration of the heroism of those who served, and it became a national holiday in 1938; and

WHEREAS, in 1954, Armistice Day became Veterans Day, a day to honor all who have served in times of war and peace; and

WHEREAS, we honor the service of the more than 27,000 veterans who live in San Mateo County, representing all branches of the Armed Forces and all walks of life, many of whom continue to serve their communities long after their military service; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the challenges veterans may face as they return to civilian life, including employment, housing, health care, and mental wellness, and reaffirm our commitment to supporting the County of San Mateo's Veterans Services Office, and the San Mateo County Veterans Commission and its local partners that provide services to veterans such as the American Legions, Disabled American Veterans, the Peninsula Vet Center, and LifeMoves, among others; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo recognizes Operation Green Light, now in its fifth year, a nationwide initiative led by the National Association of Counties to honor veterans and raise awareness about the resources available to them and their families, symbolized by lighting public buildings and spaces in green as a visible show of support.

WHEREAS, from November 4–11, 2025, the County of San Mateo will participate in **Operation Green Light**, joining counties across the nation in saluting veterans both for their service to our nation and their contributions to our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates November 11, 2025, as **Veterans Day**, and recognizes **Operation Green Light** to honor and support veterans and their families, and urges all residents to join in expressing gratitude for their service.

Dated: November 4, 2025

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