MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board Session Agenda Review Form

Meeting date: 11/4/2026

Department: Board of Commissioners

Title: Veterans Day Proclamation

Management Update/Work Session Date: 10/20/2026 **Audio/Visual aids** ☐

Time Required: 10 **Contact:** Alvin Klausen **Phone:** 5035883563

Requested Action: Present the Veterans Day proclamation to the Marion County Board of Commissioners in recognition of the service and sacrifice of veterans.

Issue, Description & Background: The Marion County Board of Commissioners annually recognizes Veterans Day to honor the service, sacrifice, and dedication of veterans in Marion County and across the nation. This year's proclamation holds special significance as the United States celebrates its 250th anniversary, recognizing the generations of men and women whose military service has protected our nation's freedoms, values, and security. The proclamation also reaffirms Marion County's continued commitment to honoring and supporting veterans and their families.

Financial Impacts: None

Impacts to Department & External Agencies: None

List of attachments: 2026 Proclamation Honoring Veterans

Presenter: Alvin Klausen

Department Head Signature:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR MARION COUNTY, OREGON

IN THE MATTER OF HONORING VETERANS THROUGH OPERATION GREEN LIGHT

PROCLAMATION

This matter came before the Marion County Board of Commissioners at its regularly scheduled public meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2026.

WHEREAS, Veterans Day is an opportunity for our nation to honor the extraordinary courage, dedication, and sacrifice of the men and women who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States, defending our freedoms and preserving the principles upon which our nation was founded; and

WHEREAS, Marion County is proudly home to thousands of veterans whose service, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment to duty have strengthened our nation and enriched our communities, and whose contributions continue long after their military service has ended; and

WHEREAS, as the United States celebrates the 250th anniversary of our nation's independence, we recognize that this historic milestone would not have been possible without generations of American service members who have answered the call to defend our country, protect its citizens, and safeguard the freedoms, values, and integrity that define the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, from the Revolutionary War to the present day, generations of American veterans have stood ready to defend our nation through times of war and peace, often enduring extraordinary hardships and making profound personal sacrifices to ensure that future generations may inherit a nation that remains free, secure, and united; and

WHEREAS, Marion County proudly recognizes the veterans serving among its employees, whose continued dedication to public service reflects the same commitment to duty, integrity, and community that characterized their military service; and

WHEREAS, Marion County joins communities across the nation in recognizing Operation Green Light, illuminating county buildings in green as a visible expression of gratitude, solidarity, and support for our veterans and their families, and as a reminder of our enduring responsibility to honor and support those who have served; and

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Marion County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim November 2026 as **Green Light for Veterans Month** in Marion County, Oregon, in recognition of the service, sacrifice, and contributions of our nation's veterans. The Board encourages all residents, businesses, and organizations to display a green light throughout November as a visible symbol of appreciation, support, and gratitude for veterans and their families, reaffirming our community's commitment to honoring those who have served our nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Marion County Board of Commissioners has hereunto set their hands and caused the seal of the County to be affixed on this 4th day of November 2026.

DATED at Salem, Oregon, this 4th day of November 2026.
MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chairperson _____

Commissioner _____

Commissioner _____