

RESOLUTION NO. 373-20231101

RESOLUTION – SUPPORTING OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS IN TRANSITION TO CIVILIAN LIFE (VETERAN STATUS)

CATAN, KENNEDY, MARIETTA, MICKLE, BASILE

WHEREAS, the residents of Otsego County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all of the men and women who have selflessly served their country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women that served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Otsego County seeks to honor these individuals who have paid the high price for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, New York State's Veteran Population has decreased by 44% over the last 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Veterans continue to serve their community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, church groups, and civil service; and

WHEREAS, approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 20% increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future; and

WHEREAS, studies indicate that 44% to 72% 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 Otsego County Board of Representatives appreciates the sacrifices our United State Military Personnel made while defending freedom and believes specific recognition be accorded them in appreciation of their service and to demonstrate the honor and support they have earned; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, with designation as a Green Light for Military Service County, Otsego County hereby declares from November 6th, 2023 through Veterans Day, November 12th, 2023, a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform transitioning from Active Service; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in observance of Operation Green Light, the Otsego County Board of Representatives encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those whose immeasurable sacrifices helped to preserve freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their place of business or residence.

STATE OF NEW YORK :
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COUNTY OF OTSEGO :

I, Carol D. McGovern, Clerk of the Board of Representatives of Otsego County, New York, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing copy of resolution with the original resolution on file in my office and that the same is a true and complete copy thereof as duly adopted by said Board of Representatives while in session on the 1st day of November, 2023.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of the Board of Representatives of Otsego County, New York, this 2nd day of November, 2023.

(SEAL)


Clerk of the Board of Representatives
Otsego County, New York