[COUNTY] BUILDINGS ILLUMINATED GREEN IN SUPPORT OF VETERANS DURING ‘OPERATION GREEN LIGHT’

[COUNTY] – [COUNTY] announced that [COUNTY BUILDING] was illuminated green as part of Operation Green Light, a nationwide initiative to support veterans and as raise awareness about the challenges faced by many veterans and the resources available at the county, state, and federal level to assist veterans and their families.

The collaborative was developed by the NYS Association of Counties and the NYS County Veteran Service Officers’ Association in 2021 and was adopted this year by the National Association of Counties (NACo) and National Association of County Veteran Service Officers (NACVSO).

“In shining a green light, we’re expressing our profound gratitude for the sacrifices and contributions our veterans and their families made on the battlefield, at home,” said [COUNTY OFFICIAL]. “We’re proud to join with counties across the state and the nation who are lighting America green to let our veterans know that they are seen, appreciated, and supported.”

In addition to lighting county buildings, residents and businesses are encouraged to join by changing one light bulb in the entryway of your house or business to a green bulb. Participants are encouraged to share their participation on social media using the hashtag #OperationGreenLight.

While this event is focused around the week of Veterans Day (November 6th-12th), participants are encouraged to continue shining the light year-round.

Operation Green Light is also an opportunity to raise awareness of the resources available to veterans and their families. [COUNTY] serves approximately [XXXX] veterans through the [county veteran service agency] and [ADD OTHER COUNTY SERVICES FOR VETERANS].

County staff work every day to connect veterans to federal and state benefits, helping them manage employment needs and doctors’ appointments, as well as helping them find veteran peers who can assist with the transition back to civilian life.

“Counties play a crucial role in supporting our veteran community, helping connect vets to the benefits and services that they’ve earned,” said NYSAC Executive Director Stephen Acquario. “With Operation Green Light, we’re not only creating a visible symbol of our gratitude and support, but also raising awareness of the resources available to these heroes, many of whom still carry invisible wounds from their service to our nation.”

Visit nysac.org/operationgreenlight [OR COUNTY WEBSITE] for more information and links to resources available to veterans.

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