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**SARATOGA COUNTY SHINING A GREEN LIGHT AT COUNTY BUILDINGS IN SUPPORT OF VETERANS
DURING 'OPERATION GREEN LIGHT'**

BALLSTON SPA, NY – Saratoga County officials announced that county buildings will display green lighting as part of Operation Green Light, a new initiative between Saratoga County, the NYS Association of Counties, and the NYS County Veteran Service Officers' Association.

Operation Green Light's mission is to show support for veterans of all military conflicts, with a special emphasis on the veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as raise awareness about the challenges faced by many veterans and the resources that are available at the county, state, and federal level to assist veterans and their families.

"By turning on the green light, we're expressing our profound gratitude for the sacrifices and contributions our veterans and their families made on the battlefield and at home." said Theodore Kusnierz, Town of Moreau Supervisor and Saratoga County Board of Supervisors Chairman. "At a time when our country is divided on so many things, we can all agree that the men and women who risked and sacrificed their lives fighting to protect our country and our way of life deserve our support. I encourage all of our residents to join with us in displaying a green light for the more than 15,000 veterans living in Saratoga County and the 19 million living across our great country."

Saratoga County also issued a proclamation recognizing Operation Greenlight and the nearly 16,000 veterans living in Saratoga County.

Residents are encouraged to participate by simply changing one light bulb in their house to a green bulb. This can be an exterior light that neighbors and passersby see or an interior light that sparks a conversation with friends.

By shining a green light, we let veterans know that they are seen, appreciated, and supported. While this event is focused around the week of Veterans Day (November 7th-13th), participants are encouraged to continue shining the light year-round.

Saratoga County is displaying green lights in the foyer of the County Clerk's office; outside the Veteran's Services office; and inside the main entry of the Public Safety facility.

Participants are encouraged to share their participation on social media using the hashtag #OperationGreenLight.

Visit nysac.org/operationgreenlight or www.saratogacounty.gov for more information and links to resources available to veterans.

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