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Lake County to Launch ‘Operation Green Light’ in Support of Local Veterans

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, November 3, 2022– We are excited to announce that Lake County is joining our colleagues across the nation in launching #OperationGreenLight for Veterans, an initiative designed to shine a light on the service of our Veterans and their families.

“It is so wonderful that our great Lake County will be among the supportive counties across the nation participating in Operation Green Light for Veterans on Veterans Day this year,” said Recorder Becky Lynch, member of the National Association of Counties (NACo) Veterans and Military Services Committee which launched Operation Green Light. “Monthly Veterans and Military Services conference calls present proactive ideas that consistently impact Veterans services and I am honored to be serving on the committee especially when projects like Operation Green Light shine so brightly on our cherished Veterans.”

“This is a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform,” said Commissioner John Hamercheck.

Now more than ever, our Veterans need our support. In a time when our country is divided on so many issues, we can all agree that those individuals who risked everything to protect our country and our way of life deserve our support and gratitude. #OperationGreenLight for Veterans.

“I encourage all of our county to participate in #OperationGreenLight to support our Veterans,” said Commissioner John Plecnik. “It is incredibly important that we show support to our Veterans who gave and still give so much for our freedom.”

As a part of #OperationGreenLight for Veterans, Lake County is illuminating our Courthouse building beginning on November 7 until November 13, and we encourage individuals and businesses to join! The Terminal Tower in Cleveland will also be illuminated green on Veterans Day, November 11.

“It’s important that all Lake County citizens to know where to direct Veterans to get the information or assistance they may need. They can honor and help Veterans by sending them to our office,” said Executive Director at Lake County Veterans Service Center, Jon Warmeling. “Our certified and accredited Veterans Service Officers are on the front lines ready to assist: We are

all Veterans, here to serve Veterans. No veteran in need should ever be left behind, and we'd like to thank Recorder Lynch for spearheading this nationwide initiative here in Lake County."

Roughly 250,000 members transition out of the armed services each year. Join #OperationGreenLight for Veterans to help shine a light to support and welcome our Veterans home by changing one light bulb in the entryway of your house or business to a green bulb.

"Our Military makes countless sacrifices that sometimes go unnoticed," said Commissioner Mark Tyler. "#OperationGreenLight is our turn to show Veterans and their families that they are supported by their county government and our community."

By shining a green light, we aim to let Veterans know that they are seen, appreciated and supported.

This Veterans Day, join us in shining a light of hope and support. Join #OperationGreenLight and let's turn Lake County green for our Veterans. Residents can share their participation on social media using the hashtag #OperationGreenLight.

Visit naco.org/operationgreenlight or <https://www.lakecountyohio.gov/veteran-services/> or dial 1-440-350-2904 for more information and links to resources available to Veterans.

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