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Kent County to Participate in Local Operation Green Light In Support of Local Veterans

Dover, Del. – In advance of the upcoming Veterans Day holiday, Kent County Levy Court announced plans to illuminate county buildings green from November 6-12 as part of Operation Green Light for Veterans, a nationwide effort uniting counties to support military veterans. The initiative, now in its second year is led by the National Association of Counties (NACo). The goal is to raise awareness around the unique challenges faced by many veterans and the resources available at the county, state, and federal levels to assist veterans and their families.

Allan F. Angel, Levy Court Vice President said, "As our Kent County facilities are participating in Operation Green Light for Veterans, let us not forget that freedom is not free. A Veteran paid the price! The only way to repay a veteran is to never forget 'some gave all' for us to enjoy life's precious moments. The revised Department of Veterans Affairs motto is, 'President Lincoln's promise to care for those who shall have borne the battle" and their families, caregivers and survivors. God Bless America."

In addition to lighting county buildings, residents, businesses and other organizations are encouraged to participate by simply changing one light bulb in their home 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 our veterans know that they are seen, appreciated, and supported.

"Operation Green Light is a gesture of support and appreciation for the public service of our veterans," said NACo Executive Director Matthew Chase. "With hundreds of counties coming together to light everything from bridges to courthouses, we know

veterans across the country will see and feel the gratitude we all feel for their service and sacrifices."

Counties and residents across the country are sharing their participation on social media using the hashtag #OperationGreenLight. For more information on Operation Green Light, click here: https://www.naco.org/topics/veterans-affairs.

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