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Alameda County Shines a Green Light to Honor Veterans as Part of Operation Green Light

Oakland, CA – In recognition of the upcoming Veterans Day holiday, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors will illuminate select County buildings in green from November 4-11 as part of Operation Green Light for Veterans, a national initiative uniting counties across the country in support of military veterans. Led by the National Association of Counties (NACo), this campaign seeks to raise awareness about the unique challenges many veterans face and to highlight available resources at the county, state, and federal levels that provide assistance to veterans and their families.

At it's meeting on October 22, the Board adopted a resolution commemorating Veteran's Day, and the County's participation in Operation Greenlight. County buildings, including Veteran's Buildings in Albany, San Leandro, Hayward, Fremont, and Livermore, the René C. Davidson Courthouse, and the Administration Buildings in Oakland, will be illuminated green. "Operation Green Light in Alameda County represents our commitment to honoring the service and sacrifices of our veterans," said Board President, District 4 Supervisor, Nate Miley. "By illuminating our community in green, we not only recognize their invaluable contributions, but also bring attention to their ongoing needs. This initiative is a symbol of gratitude and a reminder to keep the conversation alive about the essential services and support our veterans deserve. Alameda County stands with our veterans, both in recognition and in action, today and every day."

The Board of Supervisors also encourages residents and businesses to participate by simply changing one light bulb to a green bulb, whether indoors or outdoors, as a gesture of support for veterans.

Now in its third year, Operation Green Light is spearheaded by NACo in collaboration with the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers. This initiative builds on successful efforts originally launched in 2021 by the New York State Association of Counties and the NYS County Veteran Service Officers' Association. In 2023, more than 300 counties participated in Operation Green Light.

Counties and residents across the nation are sharing their participation on social media using the hashtag #OperationGreenLight.

For more information on Operation Green Light, click here.