

Warren County Board of Supervisors

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the residents of Warren County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all of the men and women who have selflessly served their country and this community in the Armed Forces, and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women that served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens, and

WHEREAS, Warren County seeks to honor these individuals who have paid the high price for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all, and

WHEREAS, New York States Veteran Population has decreased by 44% over the last 20 years, and

WHEREAS, Veterans continue to serve their community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Knights of Columbus, Elks Club, Moose Lodge, church groups, civil service, and many other civic minded organizations, and

WHEREAS, Approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually, and there is estimated to be a 20% increase in the number of service members transitioning to civilian life in the near future, and

WHEREAS, studies indicate that 44% to 72% of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life, and

WHEREAS, Active Military Service Members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service, which has led to the creation of several programs to assist Veterans in this transition, such as the Warren-Washington Counties Peer-to-Peer Program, the Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce's Veterans' Business Network and the SUNY Adirondack Randles Veterans Resource Center, and

WHEREAS, Warren County appreciates the sacrifices our United State Military Personnel made while defending freedom and believes specific recognition be accorded them in appreciation of their service and to demonstrate the honor and support they have earned, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that I, Kevin B. Geraghty, Chairman, upon a majority vote of the Warren County Board of Supervisors, do hereby declare Warren County to be a

GREEN LIGHT FOR MILITARY SERVICE COUNTY

and designate October 11th through Veterans Day, November 11th 2022, as a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform transitioning from Active Service, when citizens are encouraged to participate in patriotic tradition by displaying a green light in a window of their place of business or residence to recognize the importance of honoring all those whose immeasurable sacrifices helped to preserve freedom.

DATED: OCTOBER 21, 2022

**KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN
WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**