
Sponsor: Veterans Services

Meeting Date: 11/5/2024

Title: Operation Green Light for Veterans

File Number: 2024-529

Background and Rationale:

Ramsey County has great respect, admiration, and gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served our country and our community in the Armed Forces. Their contributions and sacrifices have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our residents. Nationally, approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually, and studies indicate that 44-72 percent of them experience high levels of stress during transition and are at a high risk for suicide during their first year following military service.

[Operation Green Light](#) is a nationwide initiative to shine a light on the plight of veterans who are having a hard time connecting with benefits after serving their country. The National Association of Counties (NACo) encourages all counties, parishes and boroughs to recognize Operation Green Light by lighting public buildings in green. Last November, Ramsey County illuminated the Courthouse, Landmark Center, Plato, Law Enforcement Center, and the Union Depot in green to honor approximately 23,500 veterans and their family members who call the county home. This year, Ramsey County will again illuminate these five buildings in green from November 4-11, 2024, and it is encouraging residents and businesses to participate as well by simply changing one light bulb to green. By shining a green light, Ramsey County and its residents will let veterans know that they are seen, appreciated, and supported.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

Support Operation Green Light for Veterans by displaying green lights in county buildings, businesses and residences from November 4-11, 2024, to honor individuals who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom for the community.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Frethem, seconded by Commissioner McGuire. Motion passed.

Aye: - 6: Frethem, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

By: _____



Jason Yang, Interim Chief Clerk - County Board