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## **WHITFIELD COUNTY LIGHTS COURTHOUSE IN SUPPORT OF VETERANS FOR “OPERATION GREEN LIGHT”**

Whitfield County, GA – The Whitfield County Board of Commissioners announced today that the Whitfield County Courthouse has been illuminated green as part of Operation Green Light for Veterans, a nationwide effort the National Association of Counties (NACo), and the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers.

November 6<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup>, the courthouse will be illuminated green to show support for veterans and raise awareness around the resources available at the county, state, and federal levels to assist veterans and their families.

Now in its second year, Operation Green Light is expected to draw hundreds of counties to participate. The county role in administering services for veterans includes County Veterans Service Officers helping fellow former service members access more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability and compensation benefits each year, as well as other services supporting the approximately 200,000 service members who transition into civilian communities annually.

“As a veteran, I am grateful for the millions of men and women, past and present, wore the uniform of this great nations’s armed forces,” said Whitfield County Administrator, Bob Sivick. “More than anything, my gratitude is paramount for the fact they – without hesitation, risked their lives for the benefit of Americans and people throughtout history and the world.”

In addition to lighting county buildings, bridges, and other meaningful landmarks, 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.

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](#).

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