

**TOWN OF COPAKE
RESOLUTION
Number 33 of October 12, 2023
Supporting Operation Green Light for Active Military Service Members in Transition to Civilian Life
(Veteran Status)**

WHEREAS, the residents of the Town of Copake 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 Town of Copake 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 State 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, church groups, civil service; and

WHEREAS, approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 20% increase of service members will transition 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; and

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

RESOLVED, with designation as a Green Light for Military Service, the Town of Copake hereby declares November 4, 2023 through Veterans Day, November 11, 2023 a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform transitioning from Active Service; therefore, be it further

RESOLVED, that in observance of Operation Green Light, the Town of Copake will display a green light in the Town Hall from Saturday, November 4, 2023 through Saturday, November 11, 2023 and encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those whose immeasurable sacrifices helped to preserve freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their place of business or residence.

The foregoing Resolution, offered by _____ and seconded by _____, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows:

Resolution # 33
Dated October 12, 2023
Copake, New York

Roll Call Vote.

Supervisor Mettler
Councilperson Wolf
Councilperson Gansowski
Councilperson Judd
Councilperson Sullivan

Lynn M. Connolly, Town Clerk

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