**TOWN OF PLATTSBURGH**

**TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION**

**October 14, 2020**

#### Resolution No. 021-175 DECLARATION OF OPERERATION

#### GREEN LIGHT MONTH

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**WHEREAS,** the residents of the town of Plattsburgh 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,** the town of Plattsburgh Town Board 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, 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 Plattsburgh Town Board 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; therefore be it

**RESOLVED,** with designation as a Green Light for Military Service County, Town of Plattsburgh town board hereby declares from October through Veterans Day, November 11th 2021 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 Plattsburgh Town Board encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who the immeasurable sacrifices helped to preserve freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their place of business or residence.

**Motion:**

**Seconded by:**

**Discussion:**

**Roll Call: Yes No Absent Carried Tabled**

**Thomas E. Wood Meg E. Bobbin**

**Barbara E. Hebert**

**Charles A. Kostyk**

**Michael S. Cashman**