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MAYOR ADAMS ANNOUNCES CITY HALL, MULTIPLE MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS TO BE LIT GREEN IN HONOR OF VETERANS DAY

NEW YORK – New York City Mayor Eric Adams today announced that City Hall and other municipal buildings will be lit green in recognition of Veterans Day and as part of Operation Green Light, a nationwide initiative that raises awareness about the challenges faced by veterans and their families.

"Today, as we emerge from some of our darkest days, we find inspiration in our veterans whose dedication shows us how to come together as one people, one city, and one nation," said **Mayor Adams**. "Americans sit under a tree of freedom that veterans have watered with their sacrifice, and I am dedicated to ensuring that no veteran or family member is left behind in our city. Your contribution to our nation and our city does not end on the battlefield and we are forever indebted to you. Your city thanks you for your service on this Veterans Day and every other day."

"For many New Yorkers, Veterans Day is about recognizing and remembering their own service or that of a brother, a sister, a mom, a dad, or a grandparent," said **Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services Anne Williams-Isom**. "It is also a day that we acknowledge and appreciate all of our veterans whether they are part of our family or part of our larger community. So, to every veteran amongst us, thank you for your service and your sacrifice. We appreciate and support you."

"We want to make sure our veterans and their families know that New York City is grateful for their sacrifices, and that it is now our turn to serve them," said **New York City Department of Veterans' Services Commissioner James Hendon.** "These green lights will shine in solidarity with other cities across the country as a beacon of respect and support for our military families. The New York City Department of Veterans' Services stands ready to help our veterans by providing crucial information about benefits and services, care coordination, and various special programs designed to uplift and empower our community."

In addition to City Hall, the following city buildings will be lit up green tonight:

• Bronx County Courthouse

- The David N. Dinkins Manhattan Municipal Building
- Queens Borough Hall
- Staten Island Borough Hall

Operation Green Light is a collaboration between the New York State Association of Counties, New York State Council of Educational Associations, the New York County Veteran Service Officers' Association, and the 62 counties across New York state. Its mission is to show support for veterans of all military conflicts, as well as raise awareness about the challenges faced by many veterans and the resources that are available at the city, state, and federal level to assist veterans and their families.

In addition to lighting municipal buildings, New York City residents and businesses are encouraged to join in showing support for the veteran community by changing one outdoor light to a green bulb. By shining a green light, New York City will let veterans know that they are seen, appreciated, and supported.

For more information on November's Veterans Month campaign, subscribe to the New York City Department of Veterans Services <u>newsletter</u>.

New York City veterans are encouraged to visit <u>New York City's veterans page</u> or call (212) 416-5250 to learn more about the resources the Department of Veterans' Services has to offer.

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