Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans

2026-39

WHEREAS, the residents of Chippewa County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of those who served have been essential in preserving the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Chippewa County seeks to honor individuals who have courageously placed themselves in harm's way to protect our nation and ensure liberty for all; and

WHEREAS, veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, civic groups, , and by serving as County Veterans Service Officers in 29 states, collectively helping fellow former service members access more than $52 billion in federal health, disability and compensation benefits each year; and

WHEREAS, approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually; with an anticipated 20 percent increase in transitioning service members projected in the near future; and

WHEREAS, studies show that 44 -72 percent of service members experience significant 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 National Association of Counties encourages all counties, parishes and boroughs to recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans; and

WHEREAS, Chippewa County appreciates the sacrifices of our United States military personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, as a designated Green Light for Veterans County, Chippewa County hereby declares November 4th through 11th, 2026, as a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifices of those transitioning from active service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Chippewa County encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying green lights in a window of their place of business or residence from November 4th through 11th, 2026.

RESOLUTION 2026-39 DECLARED ADOPTED
October 15, 2026

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF CHIPPEWA)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the County Board of Commissioners of Chippewa County at a regular meeting held on the date first stated above, and I further certify that public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.

Steven Woodgate, County Clerk