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Drumthwacket to "Greenlight a Vet" on November 11th

Trenton, NJ - Demonstrating the Administration's support of New Jersey's more than 428,000 veterans, First Lady Mary Pat Christie announced that Drumthwacket, the Governor's Official Residence in Princeton, will shine green on Veterans Day as part of the Greenlight a Vet initiative. Overall, the program is designed to bring about a more visible and greater appreciation of this nation's veterans by changing one light to green.

"It's so important for us as a state and nation to never forget the service and sacrifice of our courageous veterans," said First Lady Mary Pat Christie. "While it may be difficult to distinguish them without their uniforms, we can show appreciation and support of our veterans with one simple act - changing one light in our homes to green to symbolize our thanks for their love of country and commitment to bring freedom and democracy to people across the world. Governor Christie and I encourage all New Jerseyans to shine a light on all of our brave veterans this November 11th."

According to the Greenlight a Vet organization, the color green signifies hope, renewal and well-being. The term "greenlight" represents the action of moving forward. Changing one light to green encourages a national conversation in recognizing veterans and empowering them as valuable members in the community.

Throughout his term in office, Governor Christie has supported New Jersey's veterans and their families through increased funding and support for various veterans-based housing, employment, and educational services and programs. He recently signed legislation creating State Contract Set-Aside programs for businesses owned and operated by disabled veterans as well as the Military Dependents Scholarship Fund Act for college scholarships for spouses and children of those killed, missing in action or disabled in recent military operations. The Governor also signed the Stolen Valor Act, which makes it a third degree crime for the unauthorized use of military uniforms, medals, or insignias to obtain benefit.

Through her New Jersey Heroes Foundation, Mrs. Christie established the New Jersey Heart of a Hero Scholarship program as an additional means to help New Jersey's military men and women make their higher education and career goals a reality. New Jersey Heroes has now been able to assist 40 dedicated military men and women advance their career objectives by providing \$250,000 in scholarship awards.

To share your support of America's veterans, take a picture of your greenlight and post it using the hashtag #greenlightavet. For more information, visit <http://www.greenlightavet.com/>.



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