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Hunterdon County Officials Raise KIA Honor Flag At Special Ceremony April 16

The Hunterdon County Freeholder Board held a special ceremony raising the KIA Honor Flag on April 16, Patriot's Day, at the Historic Courthouse, with military pomp and circumstance to honor those in military service people who were killed in action.

Freeholder John W. King said, "Patriotism runs deep here in Hunterdon County. We now have the KIA Honor Flag flying in front of the Historic Courthouse and at the Justice Center, to comply with the new state law and to give recognition to those who made the greatest sacrifice of all to preserve our freedom."

The KIA flag was developed by an anonymous Veteran in 1993 and its red color a symbol of the blood shed by our Armed Forces and Special Services who paid the ultimate price for our freedom. The flag is dedicated to represent the sorrow and respect our nation owes those who paid the ultimate price. A portion of all proceeds for the KIA flags supports the families and functions held by those families of Veterans

who have been killed in action.

Last year the legislature and governor enacted in law, PL 2017, chapter 188, which states 'The Killed in Action flag is designated an official State flag for recognizing members of the Armed Forces of the United States who were killed in action in any war or conflict in which the United States has been involved.'

Freeholder King continued, "The Freeholder Board has offered complimentary KIA Flags to all municipalities in order to enable them to raise the KIA Honor Flag at their principal building. We look forward to traveling around Hunterdon County and seeing the KIA flags flying to remind all of us to be grateful to our nation's fallen heroes."