



**PUTNAM COUNTY EXECUTIVE
KEVIN M. BYRNE**

MEMORANDUM

Date: November 7, 2025

To: Thomas Feighery
Commissioner, Department of Public Works (DPW)

Cc: NYS Office of Court Administration

From: Kevin M. Byrne
County Executive

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "K. Byrne", is written over the text "County Executive".

Re: Annual Historic Courthouse Holiday and Occasional Lighting Schedule

Encl.: Lighting Schedule Spreadsheet

Over the past several years, Putnam County has developed a tradition of illuminating the frontage of the Putnam County Historic Courthouse on Gleneida Avenue in Carmel Hamlet to commemorate special occasions. This artificial lighting typically aligns with national holidays but can include state holidays and other notable local calendar dates as well.

To streamline operations and communications between DPW and our office, please see the enclosed spreadsheet prepared for DPW by this Administration. The document contains a chronological list of holidays, public occasions, and notable dates – federal, state, and local – which community feedback and tradition both suggest are worthy candidates to light the Historic Courthouse in their honor. Please note: This list will be made publicly available on the County website and is subject to change. Those wishing to designate their own lighting opportunity should contact the County Executive's office at the email here: countyexecutive@putnamcountyny.gov.

Thank you for your attention to this memorandum and the directives contained herein.

Organization/Cause	Date of Lighting	Colors
New Year's Day	1-Jan	Gold
Martin Luther King Day	Third Monday of January each year	Red, White and Blue
First Day of Black History Month	1-Feb	Red, Black, Green
Wear Red Day Raise Awareness for Heart Disease	First Friday of February	Red
Valentine's Day	14-Feb	Red and Pink
Presidents' Day	Third Monday in February each year	Red, White and Blue
St. Patrick's Day/Irish American Heritage Month	March 17 (Official) Day of Putnam Parade or equivalent date	Green
National Vietnam War Veterans Day	29-Mar	Gold
Child Abuse Awareness Month	First Friday of April	Blue
Arbor Day	Last Friday in April	Green
Cinco De Mayo	5-May	Green, White and Red
Mental Health Awareness Month	First week of May	Green
Mother's Day	Second Sunday in May	Pink
Armed Forces Day	Third Saturday of May	Red, White and Blue
Memorial Day	Last Monday of May	Red, White and Blue
Flag Day	14-Jun	Red, White and Blue
Juneteenth	19-Jun	Red/Black/Green
Father's Day	Third Sunday of June	Blue
Pride Month	Last weekend in June	Rainbow
4th of July	4-Jul	Red, White and Blue
National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day	27-Jul	Red, White and Blue
Labor Day	First Monday in September each year	Red, White and Blue
September 11th Remembrance	11-Sep	Red White and Blue
Suicide Awareness Day/Month	28-Sep	Purple
Gold Star Mother's Day	Last Sunday of September	Gold
Columbus Day	Second Monday in October each year	Green, White and Red

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Breast Cancer Awareness Month	13-Oct	Pink
National First Responders Day	28-Oct	Red, White and Blue
Halloween	31-Oct	Orange
CRPS/RSD Awareness Month "Color the World Orange Day"	First Monday of November	Orange
Election Day	First Tuesday in November	Red, White and Blue
Operation Greenlight	8-Nov	Green
Veterans Day	11-Nov	Red, White, and Blue
National Injury Prevention Day	18-Nov	Green
Thanksgiving	Fourth Thursday in November each year	Orange, Red, and Yellow
National Native American Heritage Month	30-Nov	Red
Christmas Day	25-Dec	Green and Red
HS Sporting Events or Noteworthy Achievements by students or student clubs.	To be approved by CE on case-by-case basis	Team colors