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**Freeholders Announce KIA Flag Raising Ceremony  
At Historic Courthouse, April 16, 3pm**

The Hunterdon County Freeholder Board will hold an official Killed In Action (KIA) flag raising ceremony at the Historic Courthouse on Main Street, in Flemington, on April 16<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm, Freeholder John W. King has announced.

Freeholder King said, "April 16<sup>th</sup> is recognized this year as Patriot's Day – commemorating the battles at Lexington and Concord in 1775, which are remembered as the start of the American Revolution. I believe it is a fitting day to officially raise the KIA flag, as at the battle of Lexington, eight colonial minutemen were the first American soldiers killed in action in defense of our liberty, freedom and independence.

The KIA flag serves to honor the hundreds of thousands of American service members that have been killed in action in defense of our nation. That sacrifice deserves recognition."

A state law enacted last year requires that each County and Municipality in the state display the official Killed in Action flag at its principal building.

Freeholder King continued, "I am honored to also announce that the Freeholder Board has elected to make a KIA flag available, at no cost, to all municipalities in Hunterdon County.

We have reached out to each Municipal Clerk in the County and the response of acceptance was instantaneous. I think we all know that patriotism runs deep in Hunterdon, but it is always gratifying to have that belief confirmed."

The public, particularly Veterans, are invited to join the Hunterdon Freeholders for the KIA flag raising ceremony Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 3pm, in front of the Historic Courthouse.