



Proclaiming Clackamas County to be a Purple Heart County and Recognizing August 7th as Purple Heart Day

Whereas, The Purple Heart was initially created as the “Badge of Military Merit” by George Washington in 1782 and is the oldest military decoration in present use; and

Whereas, the Purple Heart is specifically awarded to any member of the United States Armed Services who has been wounded or killed in combat with a declared enemy of the United States; and

Whereas, Clackamas County has had numerous residents make the ultimate sacrifice in many of the World Wars and has many resident veterans that have been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat; and

Whereas, veterans have paid the high price of freedom by leaving their families and communities, putting themselves in danger for our country and for the good of all; and

Whereas, the contributions and sacrifices of men and women of Clackamas County who have served in the Armed Services have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

Whereas, Clackamas County is honored to become a Purple Heart County, and we support our veterans and appreciate the sacrifices our Purple Heart recipients have made in defending our freedoms.

Now, therefore, the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim Clackamas County to be a Purple Heart County and recognizes Wednesday, August 7th, 2019 as Purple Heart Day and we encourage all citizens to honor and support our veterans for the sacrifices and contributions they have made to this great country.

Dated this 1st day of August, 2019

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