



The Purple Heart

WHEREAS, THE STRENGTH OF OUR GREAT NATION HAS GROWN, AND OUR SURVIVAL ASSURED, BY EACH CHARGE, EACH ENEMY ENGAGED, AND EACH INDIVIDUAL LIBERATED BY THE AMERICAN SOLDIER, AND

WHEREAS, FROM CONCORD TO KABUL, THROUGH GREAT VICTORIES AND TRAGIC LOSSES, THE ONE CONSTANT HAS BEEN THE AMERICAN SOLDIER'S LOYALTY AND SACRIFICE TO THE CAUSE OF LIBERTY, AND

WHEREAS, EVEN TODAY, AS EVERY DAY SINCE OUR REVOLUTIONARY BIRTH 241 YEARS AGO, THE AMERICAN SOLDIER DEFENDS THE GATES OF OUR GREAT DEMOCRACY, DEVOUT IN DUTY AND NOBLE IN COMMITMENT OF BODY AND SOUL, SAFEGUARDING OUR FREEDOMS, AND

WHEREAS, WE AS A PEOPLE ARE GRATEFUL TO ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE SELFLESSLY SERVED THEIR COUNTRY AND THIS COMMUNITY IN THE ARMED FORCES; AND

WHEREAS, THE PURPLE HEART IS THE OLDEST MILITARY DECORATION IN PRESENT USE AND WAS INITIALLY CREATED AS THE BADGE OF MILITARY MERIT BY GEORGE WASHINGTON IN 1782; AND

WHEREAS, THE PURPLE HEART WAS THE FIRST AMERICAN SERVICE AWARD OR DECORATION AVAILABLE TO THE COMMON SOLDIER AND IS SPECIFICALLY AWARDED TO THOSE WOUNDED OR PAYING THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE IN COMBAT AGAINST AMERICA'S ENEMIES; AND

WHEREAS, MANY OF OUR LOCAL CITIZEN SOLDIERS HAVE EARNED THE PURPLE HEART FOR SINGULARLY MERITORIOUS ACTS OF ESSENTIAL SERVICE;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COLLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT, ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF COLLIN COUNTY, GRATEFULLY RECOGNIZES OUR VETERANS WHO ARE RECIPIENTS OF THE PURPLE HEART, AND PROCLAIMS COLLIN COUNTY AS A PURPLE HEART COUNTY. IN WITNESS THEREOF, WE HEREUNTO SET OUR HANDS THIS TENTH DAY OF JULY, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN.

KEITH SELF, COUNTY JUDGE

SUSAN FLETCHER, COMMISSIONER, PCT. 1

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