

Proclamation



WHEREAS,

The Purple Heart is the military's oldest award and was created by General George Washington in 1782 as a Badge of Military Merit to recognize heroic acts by his troops; and



WHEREAS,

since 1957, the Purple Heart Service Foundation has seen it as its patriotic duty to be a beacon of hope and support for those who have given so much of themselves in service to their country; and



WHEREAS,

the goal of designating Purple Heart entities is to bring more awareness of the Purple Heart Medal and to gain benefits for veterans in return for designations; and



WHEREAS,

the program began as the Purple Heart Trail Program to have roads, highways, and bridges designated with distinctive signage; requests for designations have swelled to include high schools, colleges and universities, cities, states, counties, and a variety of businesses; and



WHEREAS,

this procedure will standardize requests and approvals and ensure that veterans get some benefits, and/or the Purple Heart medal;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes the valiant sacrifices of our brave men and women in uniform, and acknowledges the designation of Fulton County as a Purple Heart county, and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, September 18, 2024 as **"PURPLE HEART FOUNDATION APPRECIATION DAY"** in Fulton County, Georgia.



Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

Commissioner

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