

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Proclamation

PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT | 2019

- WHEREAS,** the Purple Heart medal, an American decoration that is awarded in the name of the President of the United States, is the oldest military decoration in the world in present use; and
- WHEREAS,** the Purple Heart was established by General George Washington at Newburgh, New York, on August 7, 1782, during the Revolutionary War, as an incentive to the Continental Army; and
- WHEREAS,** the Purple Heart is awarded directly or posthumously to members of the Armed Forces who are wounded, or die from wounds received, in armed conflict with an enemy force or while held by an enemy force as a prisoner of war, or are wounded or killed as a result of friendly fire, or as otherwise designated by the President of the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** the Purple Heart may also be awarded to a civil or foreign service employee from a U.S. Government Agency or Department attached to a military unit performing intelligence, counter-terrorist, or other duties, with the military unit wounded by international terrorists; and
- WHEREAS,** a new design of the Purple Heart medal was issued on February 22, 1932; and
- WHEREAS,** the recipients of the Purple Heart have known the meaning of sacrifice in the preservation of the United States of America and the preservation of national interests at home and abroad; and
- WHEREAS,** the sacrifices made on our behalf will forever be an inspiration to all citizens of Durham County, North Carolina; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham County, North Carolina was proclaimed a Purple Heart County on August 11, 2014 and pledges its ongoing commitment to and support for the men and women who so honorably serve our nation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, Wendy Jacobs, Chair of the Durham Board of County Commissioners and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, hereby salutes the valiant men and women who are recipients of the Purple Heart and recognizes the support and sacrifice of their loved ones.

This the 12th day of August 2019.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

