

# **PROCLAMATION**

## **A PURPLE HEART CITY**

**JANUARY 22, 2014**

WHEREAS, the City of Albany in the state of Oregon has always supported its military veteran population; and

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

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart was the first American service award or decoration made available to the common soldier and is specifically awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces who have been wounded or paid the ultimate sacrifice in combat with a declared enemy of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart is to foster an environment of goodwill among the combat-wounded veteran members and their families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives, and most importantly – make sure we never forget; and

WHEREAS, the Albany metropolitan area has a large, highly decorated veteran population including many Purple Heart recipients; and

WHEREAS, Albany appreciates the sacrifices our Purple Heart recipients made in defending our freedoms and believe it is important that we acknowledge them for their courage and show them the honor and support they have earned.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sharon Konopa, Mayor of the City of Albany, Oregon, do hereby proclaim the City of Albany as

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and encourage the citizens of the City of Albany to show their appreciation for the sacrifices of the Purple Heart recipients have made in defending our freedoms, to acknowledge their courage, and to show them the honor and support they have earned.



In witness whereof, I have hereunto placed my hand and caused the seal of the City of Albany to be affixed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2014.

  
Sharon Konopa, Mayor

# Shasta County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

Shasta County  
~ A Purple Heart County ~

*WHEREAS*, the people of the County of Shasta have great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served their country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

*WHEREAS*, veterans have paid the high price of freedom by leaving their families and communities and placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

*WHEREAS*, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women from Shasta County who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

*WHEREAS*, many men and women in uniform have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces; and

*WHEREAS*, many citizens of our community have earned the Purple Heart Medal as a result of being wounded while engaged in combat with an enemy force, construed as a singularly meritorious act of essential service; and

*WHEREAS*, September 20, 2011 has officially been designated as the day in Shasta County to remember and recognize veterans who are recipients of the Purple Heart Medal.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED* that the Shasta County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims Shasta County as a *Purple Heart County*, the first County in the nation so designated, honoring the service and sacrifice of our nation's men and women in uniform wounded or killed by the enemy while serving to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans.



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Les Baugh, Chairman

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September 20, 2011

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Date