



**Military Order
Of the
Purple Heart**



**TOWN OF SWANSEA, MASSACHUSETTS
PROCLAMATION
PURPLE HEART COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, the people of Swansea, Massachusetts have great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the citizens of our community who have selflessly served in the Armed Forces as they have been vital in maintaining the freedom and the way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, citizens of Swansea have been killed in action while serving in the Armed Forces and have been posthumously awarded the Purple Heart for their ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, citizens of the Town of Swansea have been awarded the Purple Heart for their bodily sacrifice of being wounded by the hand of the enemy while engaged in combat; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest American military decoration and was created as The Badge of Military Merit, made of purple cloth in the shape of a heart with the word "Merit" sewn upon it, on August 7, 1782 in Newburgh, New York by General George Washington, then reestablished as the Purple Heart on February 22, 1932 by General Douglas MacArthur; and

WHEREAS, the heritage the Purple Heart represents is sacred to those who know the price paid to wear this military decoration; and

WHEREAS, August 7th of each year is nationally recognized as Purple Heart Day.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, we, the Swansea Board of Selectmen, hereby proclaim Swansea, Massachusetts as a Purple Heart Community, honoring the service and sacrifice of those members of our community who were awarded the Purple Heart while serving in our nation's wars; and

ALSO, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that Swansea, Massachusetts will recognize August 7th annually as Purple Heart Day, and that our citizens display the American Flag in recognition and appreciation of our Purple Heart recipients.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of the Town of Swansea to be affixed this 26th day of October, 2021.

Swansea Board of Selectman





