

**Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the  
County of Monterey, State of California**

**Resolution No.**

Resolution Proclaiming )  
Monterey County, California )  
**A Purple Heart County**..... )

**Whereas**, General George Washington, on August 7, 1782, by General Order, established the **Badge of Military Merit**, an award for exemplary service in the Continental Army during War of Independence which was the first military award of the independent colonies and the first award in western civilization designated specifically for the common soldiers and in 1932, with the assistance of General Douglas MacArthur, the Badge of Military Merit was revived and redesigned as the **Purple Heart**, a valor award for United States Army personnel; and

**Whereas**, in 1942 President Franklin D. Roosevelt, by Executive Order 9277, retroactive to December 6, 1941, expanded the awarding of the **Purple Heart** to members of all branches of the armed forces of the United States, and in November of 1952 President Harry S. Truman, in Executive Order 10409 retroactively extended eligibility for the **Purple Heart** to April 5, 1917 to cover World War 1 and on April 25, 1962, President John F. Kennedy, in Executive Order 11016 extended eligibility as well to any civilian national of the United States, who while serving under competent authority in any capacity with an armed force that had been wounded; and

**Whereas**, the people of the County of Monterey have great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served their country in the Armed Forces and 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 Monterey County who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedom and way of life enjoyed by our citizens, including the many men and women in uniform that have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces with many of our citizens of our community have earned the **Purple Heart Medal** as a result of being wounded while engaged in combat with enemy force, construed as singularly meritorious act essential service.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the **Monterey County Board of Supervisors proclaims Monterey County as a Purple Heart County** 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 freedom enjoyed by all Americans and that Monterey County officially designates our County in remembering and recognizing veterans who are recipients of the **Purple Heart Medals**.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this \_\_\_\_\_, upon motion of Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ by the following vote, to-wit:

- AYES:
- NOES:
- ABSENT:

I, Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_ for the meeting \_\_\_\_\_.

Dated:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Supervisor Louis Calcagno, Chair

Gail T. Borkowski Clerk of the Board of Supervisors,  
County of Monterey, State of California

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy