

Proclamation

**Declaring the City of Monroe as a
Purple Heart City**



WHEREAS, on August 7, 1782, George Washington established the Badge of Military Merit, which was the first medal authorized for enlisted soldiers in the Continental Army to recognize a *"singularly meritorious action"* by a soldier; and

WHEREAS, on February 22, 1932, US Army Chief of Staff Douglas MacArthur established the Purple Heart Award in the spirit of the Badge of Military Merit in honor of George Washington's bicentennial birthday and authorized the award for soldiers in the United States Army for soldiers who are wounded or lose their lives in military action and August 7th is annually recognized as Purple Heart Day; and

WHEREAS, in 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt expanded the Purple Heart Award to other branches of the United States military by authorizing the Navy Department to award the Purple Heart to personnel wounded or killed in action beginning with the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941; and today the Purple Heart is authorized for people serving in all branches of the United States military who are wounded or lose their lives in military actions; and

WHEREAS, following the attack at Pearl Harbor, until the day she passed away, Eleanore Roosevelt carried in her wallet a piece of paper with the following written upon it: *"Dear lord, lest I continue in my complacent ways, help me to remember that somewhere someone died for me today. And if there be war, help me to remember to ask, 'Am I worth dying for?'"* and in our own daily walk, we should always remember those serving and their families and honor their service and their sacrifices in our words, hearts, and actions; and

WHEREAS, the Ward Roney Jr Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7511, which represents and advocates for veterans in the community of Monroe, requests the City of Monroe declare itself a "Purple Heart City" and the City of Monroe would like to honor and remember people wounded and who have lost their lives in action and in service to our country.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor, and the City Council of the City of Monroe, Washington, on this 80th Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, do hereby declare the City of Monroe to be a

PURPLE HEART CITY

and we commit ourselves and our community to remembering and honoring recipients of the Purple Heart Award in our words, hearts, and actions.

Signed this 7th Day of December 2021.

Handwritten signature of Geoffrey Thomas in blue ink.

Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor

Handwritten signature of Heather Fulcher in blue ink.

Heather Fulcher, Mayor Pro Tem

Handwritten signature of Patsy Cudaback in blue ink.

Patsy Cudaback, Councilmember

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Handwritten signature of Kirk Scarborough in blue ink.

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