



**Military Order  
Of the  
Purple Heart**



**TOWN OF WALES, MA  
PROCLAMATION  
PURPLE HEART COMMUNITY**

**WHEREAS**, the people of the Wales, MA have great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the citizens of our community who have selflessly served in the Armed Forces that has been vital in maintaining the freedom and the way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, citizens of our community 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 our community 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<sup>nd</sup>, 1932 by General Douglas MacArthur; and

**WHEREAS**, the heritage it represents is sacred to those who know the price paid to wear the Purple Heart; and

**WHEREAS**, August 7<sup>th</sup> is nationally recognized as Purple Heart Day; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED**, We the Wales Board of Selectmen hereby proclaim Wales, Massachusetts, a Purple Heart Community, honoring the service and sacrifice of those from our community who were awarded the Purple Heart while serving in our Nations wars; and

**ALSO, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, That Wales, Massachusetts will recognize August 7<sup>th</sup> annually as Purple Heart Day, and urge our citizens and organizations to display the American Flag as well as other public expressions of recognition of our Purple Heart recipients.