

PROCLAMATION



Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration used today, which evolved from the Badge of Military Merit created in 1782 by General George Washington for soldiers wounded in combat; 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 the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women of the United States who have served in the armed forces has been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Appleton has long recognized and expressed its appreciation for the sacrifices of veterans with Memorial Day events and Flag Day events; and

WHEREAS, Purple Heart recipients are an integral part of our society and the City of Appleton believes it is important to acknowledge them for their courage and show them the support they have earned; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, consistent with the approval of the Appleton Common Council, do hereby proclaim the City of Appleton, Wisconsin as a

Purple Heart City

and encourage all citizens to express their support and appreciation for combat-wounded veterans.



Signed and sealed this 7th day of August 2020.


JACOB A. WOODFORD
MAYOR OF APPLETON