



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: The Purple Heart, the oldest military decoration still awarded, bestows honor to members of our armed forces who are wounded or killed in combat; and

WHEREAS: The Purple Heart was established by General George Washington as the Badge of Military Merit on August 7, 1782. A small, heart shaped piece of purple cloth was given to members of the Continental Army who showed extraordinary valor during the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS: The award became obscure after the war though it was never discontinued. In 1932, President Herbert Hoover reestablished the Badge of Military Merit as the Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS: There have been nearly two million Purple Heart recipients in our nation's history who endured the ultimate sacrifice to protect the many freedoms we enjoy as Americans; and

WHEREAS: As a community with strong ties to our military and veteran community, Jacksonville will continue to stand in support of our service members.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONNA DEEGAN, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim August 7, 2023 as

PURPLE HEART DAY

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to join me in honoring members of the armed forces who have received the Purple Heart and recognizing families of the fallen.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 2nd Day of Aug. in the year
Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.


MAYOR