

# Proclamation



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF HORRY  
CITY OF NORTH MYRTLE BEACH

## PURPLE HEART CITY

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, chartered by an Act of Congress, is to foster an environment of goodwill and camaraderie among combat wounded veterans, promote patriotism, support necessary legislative initiatives, provide service to all veterans and their families, and most importantly, to ensure we never forget the sacrifices of these Purple Heart veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, the oldest military decoration in present use, the Purple Heart, initially was created as the Badge of Military Merit by General George Washington in 1782; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purple Heart was the first American service award or decoration made available to the common soldier and is awarded specifically to any United States Armed Services member who is wounded or killed in combat with a declared enemy of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, there are numerous combat-wounded veterans who currently reside in North Myrtle Beach, and as Purple Heart awardees contribute to their community in countless ways; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of North Myrtle Beach appreciates the sacrifices of all its military veterans, combat veterans, Purple Heart recipients, and their families for the sacrifices that they have made in defending our freedoms and wants to express and honor them; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of North Myrtle Beach recognizes the great courage and sacrifice required to defend our American liberties and acknowledges the immense courage required of their service; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of North Myrtle Beach seeks to remember and recognize veterans who are recipients of the Purple Heart Medal.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Marilyn Hatley, Mayor of the City of North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, along with the North Myrtle Beach City Council do hereby proclaim the City of North Myrtle Beach as a Purple Heart City in the State of South Carolina.

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2022.

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Marilyn Hatley, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Allison K. Galbreath, City Clerk

