

Proclamation

A PURPLE HEART COUNTY

- WHEREAS,** our nation and its principles have been defended throughout history by brave and patriotic men and women who sacrificed their own well-being for the cause of freedom and democracy; and
- WHEREAS,** the Purple Heart is the oldest decoration in present use and was initially created as the Badge of Military merit by General George Washington in 1782; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1932, on the 200th anniversary of George Washington's birth, the Badge of Military Merit was renamed the Order of the Purple Heart; and
- WHEREAS,** the Purple Heart was the first American Service award of decoration made available to the common soldier and is specifically awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces who have been wounded or paid the ultimate sacrifice in combat with a declared enemy of the United States of America; and
- WHEREAS,** the 1991 Washington State Legislature passed Senate Bill 5718 recognizing the seventh day of August as a day to pay tribute to those who hold the distinction of having been awarded the Purple Heart; and
- WHEREAS,** the residents of Chelan County have great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served their country and this community in the Armed Forces; and
- WHEREAS,** the County of Chelan has always supported its military Veteran population through its Veteran's Services Office and Veteran's Advisory Board; and
- WHEREAS,** the County of Chelan pledges its ongoing commitment to and support for the men and women who so honorably serve our nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners do hereby proclaim Chelan County as a

Purple Heart County

and recognize the 7th of August as Purple Heart Recipient Recognition Day and encourages citizens of Chelan County to show their appreciation for the sacrifices of the Purple Heart recipients have made in defending our freedoms, to acknowledge their courage, and to show them honor and support they have earned.

Dated this 5th day of, 2024



ATTEST: ANABEL TORRES

Anabel Torres
Clerk of the Board

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