

WHEREAS: the City of Pompano Beach in the state of Florida has always supported its military veteran population; and

WHEREAS: the City of Pompano Beach has a long history of supporting veteran service organizations such as Disabled American Veterans Chapter 133, American Legion Post 142, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8182 who strive to assist veterans within our city and help improve their quality of life and access to healthcare, benefits, and veteran camaraderie; and

WHEREAS: the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in present use and was initially 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 specifically awarded to any member of the United States Armed Services wounded or killed in combat with a declared enemy of the United States; and

WHEREAS: the mission of the Military Order of Purple Heart, chartered by an act of Congress, is to foster an environment of goodwill among the combat wounded veteran members and their families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives and most importantly make sure we never forget; and

WHEREAS: the City of Pompano Beach has a large, highly decorated veteran population including numerous Purple Heart recipients; and

WHEREAS: Pompano Beach appreciates the sacrifices our Purple Heart recipients made in defending our freedoms and believe it is important that we acknowledge them for their courage and show them the honor and support they have earned.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lamar Fisher, Mayor of the City of Pompano Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim the City of Pompano Beach as

"A Purple Heart City"

and encourage the citizens of the City of Pompano Beach to show their appreciation for the sacrifices of the Purple Heart recipients.

DONE, this 22nd day of May, 2018.

MAYOR