

MARSHALL COUNTY FISCAL COURT

PROCLAMATION

COUNTY-WIDE OBSERVANCE OF PURPLE HEART DAY

WHEREAS, the order of the Purple Heart for Military Merit is a uniquely American decoration - the oldest military honor in the world in present use and the first award made available to a common soldier; and

WHEREAS, on August 7, 1782, General George Washington devised the Badge of Military Merit in the figure of a heart in purple cloth and wrote that it was to be awarded "whenever any singularly meritorious action is preformed"; and

WHEREAS, on February 22, 1932, the President of the United States per the United States War Department General Orders 3, designated this honor as the Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the President of the United States to any member of an Armed Force or any civilian national of the United States who, while serving under competent authority in any capacity with one of the U.S. Armed Services; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is awarded to members of the Armed Forces who are wounded or killed, or who has died or may hereafter die after being wounded in any action against an enemy of the United States, in any action with an opposing armed force of a foreign country in which the Armed Forces of the United States are or have been engaged; while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party; as a result of an act of any such enemy of opposing armed forces; as the result of an act of any hostile foreign force; and

WHEREAS, the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the United States of America was chartered by Congress on August 26, 1958, as the only organization of combat wounded veterans; and


WHEREAS, this year makes the 237th anniversary of the establishment of the Purple Heart by General George Washington, and the 87th anniversary of the Military Order of the Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, residents of Marshall County have a long and distinguished tradition of service to the nation in times of war; and

WHEREAS, the blessing of freedom and democracy we enjoy today are the direct result of the courage and sacrifice of generations of such Americans; and

THEREFORE: The Marshall County Fiscal Court does hereby proclaim Wednesday, August 7, 2019 "Purple Heart Day" in Marshall County.

Given under my hand on this the 7th day of August 2019.



Kevin Neal
Marshall County Judge/Executive