

Proclamation

WHEREAS, General George Washington, on August 7, 1782, by General Order, established the **Badge of Military Merit**, an award for exemplary service in the Continental Army during the War of Independence; and

WHEREAS, the Badge of Military Merit was the first military award of the independent colonies and the first award in western civilization designated specifically for the common soldier; and

WHEREAS, in 1932, with the assistance of General Douglas MacArthur, the Badge of Military Merit was revived and redesigned as the **Purple Heart**, a valor award for United States Army personnel; and

WHEREAS, in 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, by Executive Order 9277, retroactive to December 6, 1941, expanded the awarding of the **Purple Heart** to members of all branches of the armed forces of the United States and established a uniform application of standards for the award in the Army and Navy; and

WHEREAS, President Harry S. Truman, in Executive Order 10409 of November 1952, retroactively extended Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard eligibility for the **Purple Heart** to April 5, 1917, to cover World War I; and

WHEREAS, President John F. Kennedy, on April 25, 1962, in Executive Order 11016 extended eligibility as well to any civilian national of the United States, who while serving under competent authority in any capacity with an armed force has been wounded; and

WHEREAS, the **Purple Heart** has come to stand as a symbol of dedication and sacrifice by all those who selflessly serve our nation; and

WHEREAS, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors specifically recognized the service of the veterans of Sonoma County on August 7, 2012 with a "**Gold Resolution**" proclaiming Sonoma County a **Purple Heart County**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Scott P. Bartley, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, hereby proclaim that henceforth the City of Santa Rosa, California shall be known as a **PURPLE HEART CITY**.



Mayor Scott P. Bartley
August 6, 2013