

**Before the Board of County Commissioners  
Martin County, Florida**

**A Proclamation**

**Declaring Purple Heart Day in Martin County, Florida**

- Whereas,** Martin County has always supported our military veteran population, now numbering over 14,000, including an estimated 1,000 Purple Heart Medal recipients; and
- Whereas,** the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in use today and evolved from the Badge of Military Merit, created by General George Washington for the common soldier in 1782; and
- Whereas,** the Purple Heart is awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces who have been wounded or killed in combat with a declared enemy of the United States of America; and
- Whereas,** the mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart is to foster an environment of goodwill among the combat wounded veterans and their families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives and, most importantly, make sure we never forget; and
- Whereas,** Martin County appreciates the sacrifices our Purple Heart recipients have made in defending our freedoms and acknowledges them for their courage.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed by the Martin County Board of County Commissioners that August 7 is Purple Heart Day in Martin County, Florida. Further, local Purple Heart recipients, and all Martin County veterans, are commended and thanked for their service to our great nation.

**Presented this Eleventh Day of July 2023**

ATTEST:

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