

TOWN OF BRISTOL

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Town of Bristol, RI has always supported its military veteran population and is the location of the Rhode Island Veterans Home Community Living Center; 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 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 mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart 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 that we never forget; and

WHEREAS, Bristol 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 that they have earned.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it further resolved that said Council and Administrator, do hereby proclaim the Town of Bristol as

A PURPLE HEART TOWN

And encourage the citizens of the Town of Bristol to show their appreciation for the sacrifices the Purple Heart recipients have made in defending our freedoms, to acknowledge their courage, and to show them the honor and support they have earned.

