



**PROCLAMATION
OF THE CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS
RECOGNIZING AND HONORING
PURPLE HEART RECIPIENTS AND NAMING
THE CITY OF DRIPPINS SPRINGS AS A
“PURPLE HEART CITY”**

- WHEREAS,** The City of Dripping Springs has always supported its military veteran population; 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 we never forget; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Dripping Springs area has a large, highly decorated veteran population including many Purple Heart recipients and
- WHEREAS,** The City 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, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the City of Dripping Springs City Council:

1. That the City of Dripping Springs, shall hereafter be known as a “Purple Heart City”.
2. That the City of Dripping Springs recognizes and honors Purple Heart Recipients who have sacrificed in defense of our nation’s freedoms; and
3. That the citizens of Dripping Springs are encouraged to join in showing appreciation for all recipients of the distinguished Purple Heart Medal.

Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.