

PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS RECOGNIZING AND HONORING PURPLE HEART RECIPIENTS AND PROCLAIMING AUGUST 7, 2025, AS

"PURPLE HEART DAY"

WHEREAS, the people of Dripping Springs exhibit great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served their country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in present use, first created by George Washington as the Badge of Military Merit on August 7, 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 Unites 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 contributions and sacrifices of the men and women from Dripping Springs, Texas who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and the way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, August 7, 2025, has officially been designated as the day in the City of Dripping Springs to remember and find meaningful ways to show appreciation to veterans who are recipients of the Purple Heart Medal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the City of Dripping Springs City Council:

- **1.** That August 7, 2025, shall hereafter be known as "Purple Heart Day" in the City of Dripping Springs.
- **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.