



CITY OF
FORESTPARK

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The City of Forest Park has a long proud history of supporting active military serviceman, servicewoman, veterans and those who served our great nation, and;

WHEREAS: In 1941, Fort Gillem was established in Forest Park, Georgia, as a satellite installation base to house various supply and support units, including the U.S. Army's Criminal Investigation Division Crime Lab, a forensic laboratory located at the 250-acre Gillem Enclave which remains open at this present day, and;

WHEREAS: The Purple Heart Medal is the oldest military decoration in present use and was initially created in 1782 as a Badge of Military Merit by our nation's first president, George Washington, and;

WHEREAS: It is the mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart to foster an environment of goodwill amongst combat-wounded veteran members and their families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives and most importantly, make sure we never forget the cost of defending freedom, and;

WHEREAS: The City of Forest Park continues to pay tribute to the sacrifices made by Purple Heart recipients and firmly believes that it is important to acknowledge them for their courage, honor and dedication to our country.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Forest Park City Council hereby proclaims the City of Forest Park to be a Purple Heart City and honors all those who courageously served and made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation's freedom.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand on this 15th day of April 2024 and have caused the Official Seal of the great City of Forest Park to be affixed hereto:

Angelyne Butler, MPA
Mayor

Councilmember Kimberly James
Ward 1

Councilmember Dabouze Antoine
Ward 2

Councilmember Hector Gutierrez
Ward 3

Councilmember Latresa Akins-Wells
Ward 4

Councilmember Allan Mears
Ward 5