

RESOLUTION NO. 2024

A RESOLUTION BY COUNCILMEMBERS KIMBERLY JAMES, DABOUZE ANTOINE, HECTOR GUTIERREZ, LATRESA AKINS-WELLS, AND ALLAN MEARS TO DECLARE THE CITY OF FOREST PARK AS A PURPLE HEART CITY.

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Forest Park, Georgia (“City”) is the Mayor and Council thereof; and

WHEREAS, section 36-35-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.) provides cities the power to adopt clearly reasonable ordinances, resolutions or regulations relating to the cities’ property and affairs; and

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, Georgia 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; and

WHEREAS, the designation as a “Purple Heart City” recognizes the commitment of a community to honor military personnel wounded or killed in combat.

THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FOREST PARK HEREBY RESOLVES:

SECTION 1. Declaration. The Mayor and City Council do hereby declare the City of Forest Park, Georgia to be a Purple Heart City and do hereby commit ourselves to honoring all those who courageously served and made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation’s freedom.

SECTION 2. Public Record. This document shall be maintained as a public record by the City Clerk and shall be accessible to the public during all normal business hours of the City of Forest Park.

SECTION 3. Authorization of Execution. The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign all documents necessary to effectuate this Resolution.

SECTION 4. Attestation. The City Clerk is authorized to execute, attest to, and seal any documents which may be necessary to effectuate this ordinance, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

SECTION 5. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Forest Park as provided in the City Charter.

SO RESOLVED this 20th day of May, 2024.

Angelyne Butler, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk (SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney