



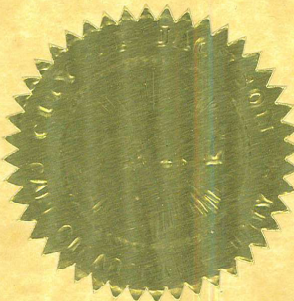
**Office of the Mayor
City of Jackson, Missouri
Proclamation**

- WHEREAS:** The people of the City of Jackson have great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all of the men and woman who have selflessly served their country and this community in the Armed Forces; and
- WHEREAS:** Veterans have paid the high price of freedom by leaving their families and communities and placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and
- WHEREAS:** The contributions and sacrifices of the men and women from our community who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedom and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and
- WHEREAS:** Many men and women in uniform have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces; and
- WHEREAS:** The Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in current use and was initially created as a Badge of Military Merit by General George Washington in 1782 and was the first American service award made available to the common soldier; and
- WHEREAS:** Many citizens of our community have earned the Purple Heart Medal as a result of being wounded while engaged in combat with enemy force, construed as a singularly meritorious act essential service; and
- WHEREAS:** The mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart is to foster an environment of goodwill and camaraderie among combat wounded veterans, promote patriotism, support necessary legislative initiatives, and most importantly, provide service to all veterans and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dwain L. Hahs, Mayor of the City of Jackson, along with the Board of Aldermen and all our citizens, do hereby proclaim Jackson, Missouri, to hereafter be a

PURPLE HEART CITY

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Jackson, Missouri, this 21st day of February, 2023.



Mayor Dwain L. Hahs

