



City of Jackson

MEMO TO: The Honorable Mayor Dwain Hahs and
Members of the Board of Aldermen

FROM: Rodney Bollinger, Director of Administrative Services

DATE: February 1, 2023

SUBJECT: Purple Heart City Designation

Request

Alderman Mike Seabaugh requests approval to submit a proclamation to the Military Order of the Purple Hearts to support the Board of Aldermen's efforts in the designation of Jackson, Missouri as a Purple Heart City.

Background

The Purple Heart is the oldest military honor, created in August 1782 by George Washington as the commander-in-chief of the Continental Army. The honor was renamed and redesigned in 1932 as the Purple Heart and is awarded for a member of the armed forces who was wounded or killed in any action against an enemy of the United States. An estimated 1.7 million veterans since World War I have received the honor. By proclaiming itself a Purple Heart City, the City of Jackson will effectively communicate commitment, acceptance, and safety to military residents and traveling veterans alike. With such distinction, Jackson will be awarded Purple Heart City signs that are to be posted on the roadways near the entrances of the City. Additionally, the Military Order of the Purple Heart will visit the Mayor and Board of Aldermen at the meeting at which it proclaims the City of Jackson a Purple Heart City for a formal ceremony.

Recommendation

Approve the submission of a proclamation to the Military Order of the Purple Heart in support of the Board's efforts in designating the City of Jackson as a Purple Heart City. If the Board is supportive, staff will bring forward an official proclamation for approval on February 21.