RESOLUTION 2026-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF MADEIRA BEACH, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING AND PROCLAIMING THE CITY OF MADEIRA BEACH AS A PURPLE HEART CITY; RECOGNIZING AUGUST 7 OF EACH YEAR AS PURPLE HEART DAY IN THE CITY OF MADEIRA BEACH; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart Medal is the oldest military decoration currently awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces, having been established by General George Washington on August 7, 1782, and is awarded in the name of the President of the United States to members of the Armed Forces who are wounded or killed in action while serving our Nation; and

WHEREAS, Purple Heart recipients have demonstrated extraordinary courage, sacrifice, and devotion to duty in defense of the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the City of Madeira Beach desires to recognize and honor the service and sacrifice of all Purple Heart recipients and their families and to demonstrate its enduring appreciation for all veterans and active-duty members of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wishes to recognize the Military Order of the Purple Heart and the many Purple Heart recipients residing in or connected to the City of Madeira Beach for their service, sacrifice, and continued contributions to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners finds that designating the City of Madeira Beach as a Purple Heart City is a fitting and lasting tribute to members of the United States Armed Forces who have been wounded or made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners further finds that installing Purple Heart City signs at appropriate gateways into the City will visibly express the community's gratitude and respect for Purple Heart recipients.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF MADEIRA BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. **Incorporation of Premises.** That the foregoing recitals are hereby adopted and incorporated into this Resolution.

2. **Designation.** The City of Madeira Beach is hereby designated and proclaimed a Purple Heart City in recognition of the courage, sacrifice, and patriotism of all recipients of the Purple Heart Medal and as an enduring expression of the City's gratitude for their service to the Nation.

3. **Recognition of Purple Heart Day.** The Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes August 7 of each year as Purple Heart Day in the City of Madeira Beach and encourages residents, businesses, civic organizations, and community groups to observe this day by honoring and

remembering Purple Heart recipients and their families.

4. **Coordination.** The City Manager is authorized to coordinate with the Military Order of the Purple Heart, veterans organizations, and other appropriate organizations and agencies to implement this Resolution.

5. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board of Commissioners.

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF MADEIRA BEACH, FLORIDA, THIS 18TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026.

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Anne-Marie Brooks, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Clara VanBlargan, MMC, FCPC, FCRM, MSM, City Clerk