

**PROCLAMATION
PURPLE HEART MONTH AUGUST 2026**

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in present use and traces its origins to the Badge of Military Merit established by General George Washington on August 7, 1782; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the President of the United States to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who have been wounded or killed as a result of enemy action while serving our nation; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is a solemn symbol of the courage, sacrifice, patriotism, and devotion to duty demonstrated by the brave men and women who have served in defense of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Purple Heart recipients have made extraordinary sacrifices in preserving the freedoms and liberties enjoyed by all Americans, and their service and sacrifice deserve our enduring gratitude, respect, and recognition; and

WHEREAS, the City of Madeira Beach proudly honors all members of the United States Armed Forces who have received the Purple Heart and remembers with profound gratitude those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country; and

WHEREAS, August is an appropriate time to recognize Purple Heart recipients, as **Purple Heart Day is observed annually on August 7**, commemorating the establishment of the Badge of Military Merit by General George Washington on August 7, 1782; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Purple Heart Month provides an opportunity for the citizens of Madeira Beach to recognize Purple Heart recipients and their families and to express appreciation for their courage, sacrifice, and dedicated service to our nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anne-Marie Brooks, Mayor of the City of Madeira Beach, Florida, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of August 2026 as **PURPLE HEART MONTH**

in the City of Madeira Beach and encourage all residents, businesses, and visitors to join us throughout the month in honoring and remembering the courageous men and women who have been awarded the Purple Heart and recognizing the sacrifices they and their families have made in defense of our nation and the freedoms we cherish.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Madeira Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 9th day of September 2026.



Mayor Anne-Marie Brooks