

# CITY COUNCIL

## CITY OF ORLAND



### Resolution 2025-XX

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF Orland IN SUPPORT OF THE INSTALLATION OF PURPLE HEART TRAIL SIGNAGE ON CALIFORNIA State Route 32 BY THE VFW POST 1770 / AUXILIARY**

**WHEREAS**, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration still in use today and was established by General George Washington in 1782 as the Badge of Military Merit; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purple Heart is awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces who have been wounded or lost their lives in combat while serving our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purple Heart Trail program was established to honor and recognize the sacrifices of these courageous individuals by designating roadways, bridges, and monuments as a tribute to Purple Heart recipients; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Willows has a proud history of supporting veterans and, in July of 2024, officially proclaimed itself as a Purple Heart City to demonstrate its commitment to honoring and recognizing the service and sacrifice of its combat-wounded veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 1770 / Auxiliary has proposed the installation of Purple Heart Trail signage at the east and west entrances to the City of Orland along California State Route 32 to further honor Purple Heart recipients; and

**WHEREAS**, the installation of these signs will provide a lasting and visible tribute to Purple Heart recipients while educating residents and visitors about their sacrifices and contributions; and

**WHEREAS**, the VFW Post 1770 / Auxiliary will be working with Caltrans District 3 to acquire the necessary encroachment permits for the placement of the signs within the California State Route 32 right-of-way; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Orland fully supports this initiative and urges Caltrans District 3 to approve the placement of the Purple Heart Trail signage on the east and west entrances to the City of Orland along California State Route 32.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLOWS HEREBY:**

1. Expresses its full support for the installation of Purple Heart Trail signage on California State Route 32 at the east and west entrances to the City of Orland.
2. Approves the attached Letter of Support advocating for the placement of the signage.
3. Authorizes the Mayor to sign the Letter of Support and any necessary documents on behalf of the City Council.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the City Council on this 1st day of April 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:

ATTESTED:

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Mathew Romano, Mayor

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Jennifer Schmitke, City Clerk