

CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF ORLAND



PROCLAMATION

A PURPLE HEART CITY

- WHEREAS,** The City of Orland in the State of California has always supported its military veterans' population; and
- WHEREAS,** The Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in present use and was initially created as the Badge of Military Merit by General George Washington in 1782; and
- WHEREAS,** The Purple Heart was the first American service award or decoration made available to the common soldier and is specifically awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces who have been wounded or paid the ultimate sacrifice in combat with a declared enemy of the United States of America; and
- WHEREAS,** The mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart is to foster an environment of goodwill among the combat-wounded veteran members and their families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives, and most importantly make sure we never forget; and
- WHEREAS,** The City of Orland and surrounding community has a substantial decorated veteran population including Purple Heart recipients; and
- WHEREAS,** The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1992 support the City of Orland in becoming a Purple Heart City; and
- WHEREAS,** The Orland citizens appreciate the sacrifices our Purple Heart recipients made in defending our freedoms and believe it is important to acknowledge them for their courage, and show them the honor and support they have earned.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Orland does hereby proclaim the City of Orland

A PURPLE HEART CITY and encourage the citizens of the City of Orland to show their appreciation for the sacrifices of the Purple Heart recipients have made in defending our freedom, to acknowledge their courage, and to show them the honor and support they have earned.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the corporate seal of the City of Orland to be affixed this 1st day of April, 2025

Mathew Romano, Mayor

April 1, 2025