

**RESOLUTION NO. R2025-012**

**A RESOLUTION** of the City Council of the City of Tumwater, Washington, designating Tumwater as a Purple Heart City.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tumwater is deeply supportive of its military veteran 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 mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart is to foster an environment of goodwill among combat-wounded veterans and their families, to promote patriotism, support better governance on behalf of veterans and their families, and most important, make sure we never forget; and

**WHEREAS**, the City wishes to honor the bravery and sacrifice of military personnel who have been wounded or killed in action; and

**WHEREAS**, the City aims to raise awareness of the heroism of our service members and their families; and support the growing population of veterans in our community, including those who served with honor and made sacrifices beyond what most people will ever understand; and

**WHEREAS**, Tumwater recognizes these sacrifices made in support of our freedoms by recipients of the Purple Heart on the local, state, and national level, and wishes to solemnly acknowledge veterans for their courage and show them the honor and support they have earned;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUMWATER AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Designation.** The City Council of the City of Tumwater hereby designates the City of Tumwater as a Purple Heart City.

**Section 2. Implementation.** With the support of, and in cooperation with, representatives of the national and regional Purple Heart chapters, the City of Tumwater will work proactively to show appreciation for the sacrifices Purple Heart recipients have made in defending our freedoms, to acknowledge their courage, and to show them the respect they have earned.

Tumwater will demonstrate this commitment by an annual recognition of National Purple Heart Day on each August 7th, and establishing signage in the city to indicate the pride Tumwater takes in acknowledging heroes who have earned the Purple Heart, as well as the growing population of veterans in the community.

The City of Tumwater will review and, where necessary, revise its policies, procedures, and practices in accordance with the intention of welcoming and acknowledging the service of veterans,

**Section 3. Ratification.** Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this Resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

**Section 4. Severability.** The provisions of this Resolution are declared separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or portion of this Resolution or the invalidity of the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Resolution, or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption and signature as provided by law.

**RESOLVED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

CITY OF TUMWATER

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Debbie Sullivan, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melody Valiant, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Karen Kirkpatrick, City Attorney