

# Proclamation

*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 Purple Heart was the first American Service Award available to those in the United States Armed Forces who have been wounded or who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country; 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 will recognize National Purple Heart Day on August 7 to honor the bravery and sacrifice of military personnel who have been wounded or killed in action; and

*WHEREAS*, By issuing this proclamation, we aim 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*, I, Debbie Sullivan, Mayor of the City of Tumwater, do hereby proclaim August 7, 2025 as

## *National Purple Heart Day*

and I call upon the people of Tumwater to join with me in showing our appreciation for the sacrifices Purple Heart recipients have made in defending our freedoms, to acknowledge their courage, and to show them the support they have earned. I encourage the City Council to consider adopting the National Purple Heart City designation. I also encourage residents to learn more about veterans, the services all branches of government provide to them, where those services continue to fall short, and to remember always what it means for members of the armed forces to serve this nation with courage, sacrifice, and honor.

Signed in the City of Tumwater, Washington, this 15th day of July in the year, two thousand twenty-five.



*Debbie Sullivan*  
Mayor