

TO: City Council
FROM: Jason Wettstein, Communications Manager
DATE: August 26, 2025
SUBJECT: Resolution No. R2025-012, Purple Heart City Designation

1) Recommended Action:

Recognizing the City Council's preference to not take action at a Council Work Session, staff would welcome concurrence at tonight's meeting to place Resolution No. R2025-012, Purple Heart City Designation on the September 2, 2025, City Council consideration calendar.

2) Background:

Staff, the Mayor, and Councilmembers have supported adoption of a 2025 resolution designating Tumwater as a Purple Heart City. As City Council heard on July 15, the national and regional Order of the Purple Heart and local constituents welcome this designation, and we have met recommended steps, including a Mayor's proclamation and inviting the public to express their perspectives on this designation.

Thurston County has a vibrant and growing veteran and military community. This designation is a step in support of the City's efforts to encourage community belonging.

3) Policy Support:

This action supports the strategic priority of building a community recognized for quality, compassion, and humanity

4) Alternatives:

- ☐ Suggest changes to the resolution draft presented
 - ☐ Reject the resolution draft
 - ☐ Accept the resolution and bring it to Council considerations on September 2
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5) Fiscal Notes:

There will be small investments in time and resources to create and purchase signage.

6) Attachments:

A. R2025-012 Purple Heart City Designation