

## PROCLAMATION

### A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF WHEATLAND SUPPORTING NATIONAL PURPLE HEART TRAIL THROUGH THE CITY OF WHEATLAND

WHEREAS, The Purple Heart Medal is the oldest military medal in present use, and was initially created as a decoration Badge of Military Merit by General George Washington in 1782; and,

WHEREAS, Many citizens (past and present) of our community have received the Purple Heart Medal as a result of being wounded while engaged in combat with an enemy force; and,

WHEREAS, The citizens of the City of Wheatland have a great admiration and the utmost gratitude and have always had a proud history of supporting our active military, Beale Air Force Base and our veteran population; and,

WHEREAS, Veterans have paid the highest price for freedom by leaving their families and communities and placing themselves in harm's way for the good of our Nation; and,

WHEREAS, The Historic Wheatland Cemetery District, established in 1855, is located on the east side of Highway 65 at 4865 Wheatland Road and is the final resting place of many veterans, some of whom are Purple Heart recipients, from all the wars fought by the United States of America beginning with the Mexican American War; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the City of Wheatland American Legion Post 789 is to foster an environment of goodwill among combat wounded veterans, promote patriotism, to make sure that we never forget the sacrifices of our military service men and women; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Wheatland, American Legion Post 789 supports having Highway 65 become part of the National Purple Heart Trail within the City limits of the City of Wheatland; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Wheatland American Legion Post 789 has requested that Brock Bowen, American Legion District 4 Executive Committee Member, pursue the addition of Highway 65 through the City of Wheatland as part of the National Purple Heart Trail.

NOW, THEREFORE, Angela Teter, Mayor of the City of Wheatland, on behalf of the City Council, does hereby support Highway 65 through the City of Wheatland becoming part of the Purple Heart Trail, and hereby encourages the residents and businesses of the City of Wheatland to show their appreciation for sacrifices Purple Heart Medal recipients and all other veterans have made in defending our freedoms, to acknowledge their courage, and to show the Veterans the honor, respect and support they have earned.

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Angela Teter, Mayor