

CITY OF NEWBURYPORT



IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDERED:

January 30, 2023

RESOLUTION A PURPLE HEART CITY

WHEREAS, The City of Newburyport in the state of Massachusetts has always supported 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 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 Newburyport has a large, highly decorated veteran population, including many Purple Heart recipients; and

WHEREAS, Newburyport appreciates the sacrifices our Purple Heart recipients made in defending our freedoms and believe it is important that we acknowledge them for their courage and show them the honor and support they have earned.

NOW, Therefore, the City of Newburyport, by and through its City Council, proclaim Newburyport ‘A PURPLE HEART CITY’ and encourage the citizens of the City of Newburyport to show their appreciation for the sacrifices that the Purple Heart recipients have made in defending our freedoms, to acknowledge their courage, and to show them the honor and support they have earned.

Councillor Byron J. Lane

Councillor James J. McCauley

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Motion to refer ORDR00414 to Budget & Finance, to refer ORDR00415 to General Government, and to refer ORDR00417, ORDR00418, and ORDR00419 to Community Services by Councillor McCauley, seconded by Councillor Preston. Roll call vote. 11 yes (1 remote, BL). Motion passes.