

LEE COUNTY

Committed Today for a Better Tomorrow

LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

PROCLAMATION

IN HONOR OF THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

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

WHEREAS, The Purple Heart was the first American Service Award made available to the common soldier, and is awarded to any member of the United States Armed Services wounded or killed in combat with a declared enemy of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, The mission of The Military Order of the Purple Heart, chartered by an act of Congress, is to foster an environment of goodwill among the combat-wounded veteran members and their families; to promote patriotism; to support related legislative initiatives; and, most importantly, to make sure we never forget the sacrifices made by those so decorated; and,

WHEREAS, There have been many former Lee County residents who made the ultimate sacrifice in giving their lives in the cause of freedom, and there are numerous combat-wounded veterans who currently reside within the County, and as Purple Heart awardees who contribute to their community in countless ways; and,

WHEREAS, Lee County falls within the area of Chapter 634 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and wishes to pledge its strong support for this noble organization and for those who put their lives at risk in service of their Country and their fellow citizens.

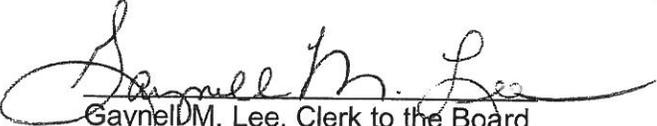
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED by the County of Lee, North Carolina, that honor and gratitude be bestowed upon the Military Order of The Purple Heart, Chapter 634, recognizing the County of Lee as a "Purple Heart County in the State of North Carolina".

Adopted this 17th day of March 2014.



Charles T. Parks, Chairman
Lee County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:


Gaynell M. Lee, Clerk to the Board

