

Proclamation

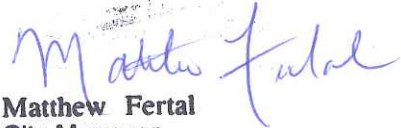
Designating Garden Grove as a Purple Heart City

- WHEREAS, The Purple Heart is awarded to members of the U.S. armed forces who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy, or posthumously awarded to the next of kin in the name of those who are killed or die of wounds received in action; and
- WHEREAS, In 1932, the Military Order of the Purple Heart was formed for the protection and mutual interest of all who have received the distinguished award and is currently the only service organization comprised strictly of "combat" veterans; and
- WHEREAS, With approximately 45,300 members nationwide, the Military Order of the Purple Heart's mission is to foster an environment of goodwill and camaraderie among combat wounded veterans; promote patriotism; support necessary legislative initiatives; and most importantly, provide service to all veterans and their families; and
- WHEREAS, Presently, California is designated as a Purple Heart state and about 20 California cities are designated as Purple Heart cities; and
- WHEREAS, From financial support of military employees, to bringing "The Moving Wall" to Garden Grove, the City of Garden Grove has been a steady supporter of America's military personnel and efforts. Recently, the City was recognized by the national veteran's organization, Forty & Eight, as "City of the Year" for its contributions to supporting military veterans; and
- WHEREAS, The City of Garden Grove is supportive of the formation of the Vietnam War Museum of America, a permanent memorial honoring all those who died in, fought for, and lived through the Vietnam War era including many Purple Heart recipients; and
- WHEREAS, Garden Grove is proud to support the Military Order of the Purple Heart and become a Purple Heart City, in reverence of all those who sacrificed and continue to sacrifice for American ideals and freedom.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Garden Grove City Council does hereby venerably proclaim Garden Grove as a Purple Heart City and is honored to carry this title in tribute to all our service personnel serving at home and abroad.

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Recommended for Approval


Matthew Fertal
City Manager