



## *Proclamation*

### **Purple Heart County**

**WHEREAS**, the Purple Heart is the oldest 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 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 Purple Heart, chartered by an Act of Congress, is to foster an environment of good will among the combat wounded veteran members and their families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives and most importantly – make sure we never forget; and

**WHEREAS**, Jackson County residents have been engaged in most, if not all, of the wars against a declared enemy fought by the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Jackson County has numerous residents who have been awarded the Purple Heart Medal for wounds received in combat; and

**WHEREAS**, Jackson County recognizes the commitment and increasing sacrifices required of military families; and

**WHEREAS**, Jackson County pledges its ongoing commitment to and support for the men and women who so honorably serve our nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Jackson County Board of Commissioners hereby declares Jackson County as a Purple Heart County.

Date: May 07, 2024

Attest:

By:

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Angela M. Winchester, Clerk to the Board

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Mark A. Letson, Chairman