

PURPLE HEART PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS The Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration still in 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 recognizes the spirit of volunteerism and selfless dedication of the average American which has been so fundamental to the American way of life; and

WHEREAS Countless Americans have been wounded in combat while defending our great Nation against armed enemies, it is most fitting that this special group of veterans be recognized for their outstanding contributions to our Nation’s security; and

WHEREAS American Legion Post 50, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 50, Squadron 50 Sons of the American Legion and Chapter 1867 of The Military Order of the Purple Heart, have chosen to recognize the National Day of Recognition of the Purple Heart designated August 7, 2021 as a day to Remember, Recognize and Honor Purple Heart Recipients; and

WHEREAS Johnson County has over 14,000 veterans many of whom are Purple Heart Recipients and the organizations herein named wish to pledge strong support for these noble organizations and for those who put their lives at risk in service of their Country and their fellow citizens.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by Roger Harmon and the four County Commissioners that honor and gratitude be bestowed upon Purple Heart veterans, active-duty military and their families and ask that we join together in salute Saturday the 7th Day of August, 2021.

JOHNSON COUNTY PURPLE HEART MEDAL RECIPIENTS’ DAY OF HONOR AUGUST 7

And further urge residents of Johnson County to display purple ribbons and decorations for this purpose.

IN WITNESS WEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Johnson to be affixed