

# PROCLAMATION

## A PURPLE HEART CITY

**WHEREAS**, The City of Winterville in the State of Georgia 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 Winterville is home to decorated veterans, including Purple Heart recipients; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Winterville appreciates the sacrifices that 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 Winterville City Council does hereby proclaim the City of Winterville as

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And encourage the citizens of the City of Winterville 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.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the City of Winterville to be fixed this 9th day of June, 2015.

**CITY OF WINTERVILLE CITY COUNCIL**

By: Emily D. Eisenman  
Emily D. Eisenman, Mayor

Attest:

Wendy L. Bond  
Wendy L. Bond  
Municipal City Clerk