

Proclamation

City of Edmonds • Office of the Mayor

RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF EDMONDS AS A PURPLE HEART CITY

- WHEREAS; The City of Edmonds has a long and proud history of supporting the active military and veteran members of our community; and
- 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 mission of The Military Order of the Purple Heart, chartered by an act of Congress, is to foster an environment of goodwill among 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 City of Edmonds residents who made the ultimate sacrifice in giving their lives in the cause of freedom, and there are numerous combat-wounded who reside within the City, as Purple Heart awardees who contribute to their community in countless ways; and
- WHEREAS; US Interstate 5 in Washington, which services the Puget Sound region is now memorialized as part of the National Purple Heart Trail and the City of Edmonds now proudly joins other Purple Heart cities throughout Washington State;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Nelson, Mayor of the City of Edmonds, hereby proclaim the City of Edmonds as a Purple Heart City and encourage the residents and businesses of Edmonds to show their appreciation for sacrifices Purple Heart recipients have made in defending our freedoms, to acknowledge their courage, and to show them the honor and support they have earned.



Mike Nelson, Mayor ~ November 1, 2022

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