

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

RESOLUTION 2026 –

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart, originally known as the Military Badge of Merit, was established by the General Orders of General George Washington 243 years ago on August 7, 1782, and is the oldest military decoration in the world in present use; and

WHEREAS, the War Department first adopted the Purple Heart as a combat award on February 22, 1932, exclusively for those members of the Armed Forces who are killed, died of wounds, or wounded by an enemy instrument of war; and

WHEREAS, over 1.7 million members of the Armed Forces of the United States have been awarded the Purple Heart and merit the reverence of their fellow countrymen for selflessly sacrificing their lives or shedding their blood on the field of battle in defense of our Republic and its cherished freedoms; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Florida enacted legislation passed by the Florida Legislature in 2012 designating August 7 of each year as Purple Heart Day and that Hernando County is a Purple Heart County; and

WHEREAS, PURPLE HEART DAY is observed each year on August 7 and is a time for Americans to remember and honor the brave men and women who were either wounded on the battlefield or paid the ultimate sacrifice with their lives for our nation's freedom; and

WHEREAS, Hernando County has a large, highly decorated veteran population including many Purple Heart recipients which the County acknowledges, is deeply proud of and wishes to express honor and reverence for their courage and sacrifices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HERNANDO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Board of County Commissioners hereby proclaim August 7, 2026, as **PURPLE HEART DAY** in Hernando County.

SECTION 2. The Board of County Commissioners encourages all residents to join in paying tribute to all Purple Heart recipients for their extraordinary sacrifice and bravery on the field of battle and in preserving the proud legacy of the Purple Heart.

ADOPTED in Regular Session this 28th day of July 2026, A.D.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Attest:

Douglas A. Chorvat, Jr.
Clerk of Circuit Court & Comptroller

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