



THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING AUGUST 7, 2026 AS

Purple Heart Day

WHEREAS, the **Purple Heart** award was established by General George Washington on August 7, 1782, and is the oldest military decoration in the United States; and

WHEREAS, **Purple Heart Day** was first observed on August 7, 2014, and has since been commemorated annually to honor those who were wounded or gave their lives in service to the United States; and

WHEREAS, the **Purple Heart** was the first American service award or decoration made available to the common soldier and is awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces who have been wounded or killed in combat as a direct result of enemy action; and

WHEREAS, more than 1.8 million Purple Hearts have been awarded to American service members who have made extraordinary sacrifices and who have reflected the highest traditions of patriotism, bravery, and service, enduring physical and psychological hardships to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all citizens; and

WHEREAS, **Purple Heart** recipients embody the courage, selflessness, and dedication that reflect the highest ideals of military service and civic duty; and

WHEREAS, **Purple Heart** recipients residing in San Mateo County are part of a large, highly decorated veteran population whose service and sacrifice have strengthened both the nation and the local community; and

WHEREAS, many **Purple Heart** recipients continue to serve their communities after their military service through leadership, volunteerism, mentorship, and advocacy on behalf of veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County is committed to supporting **Purple Heart** recipients, veterans, active-duty service members, military families, and the organizations that work to meet their needs; and

WHEREAS, the observance of **Purple Heart Day** on August 7, 2026, provides a meaningful opportunity to honor these individuals who embody the spirit of sacrifice and resilience, and to recognize their sacrifices on behalf of the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes August 7, 2026, as **Purple Heart Day** and expresses its profound gratitude for the sacrifices made by these brave men and women in defense of our nation and its freedoms, and directs that the Purple Heart flag be displayed on a flag pole in County Center during all business days of the month of August 2026.

Dated: August 11, 2026

SUPERVISORS:

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ATTEST: _____
DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS