

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 24

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE CITY OF COLORADO  
SPRINGS AS A PURPLE HEART CITY

**WHEREAS**, the City of Colorado Springs 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 Colorado Springs has a large, highly decorated veteran population including many Purple Heart recipients; and

**WHEREAS**, Colorado Springs appreciates the sacrifices 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, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:**

Section 1. We hereby proclaim the City of Colorado Springs as a Purple Heart City and encourage the citizens of the City of Colorado Springs to show their appreciation for the sacrifices of 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.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado this day 14th of May, 2024.

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Council President  
ATTEST:

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Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk