

PROCLAMATION

DECLARING MADISON COUNTY A PURPLE HEART COUNTY

WHEREAS, the people of Madison County have great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served their country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, veterans have paid the high price of freedom by leaving their families and communities and placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women from Madison County who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedom and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, many men and women in uniform have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces; 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, Madison County honors the service and sacrifice of our Purple Heart recipients wounded or killed by the enemy while serving to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Madison County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim Madison County as **A PURPLE HEART COUNTY**, and encourage all citizens to show their appreciation for the sacrifices 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.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA


Hon. Wayne Vickers, Chairman

ATTEST: 
Hon. William Washington,
Clerk of the Circuit Court