



# City of Framingham

## Proclamation

### July 18, 2023

**WHEREAS**, the City of Framingham has great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all of the women and men who have selflessly served their country and this community in the U.S. 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 women and the men from the City of Framingham who have served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and the way of life enjoyed by our citizens, and

**WHEREAS**, many women and men in uniform have given their lives while serving in the military; and

**WHEREAS**, citizens within our community have earned the Purple Heart Medal as a result of being wounded while engaged in combat with an enemy force, construed as a singularly meritorious act of essential service, and sadly some have lost their lives engaged in combat;

**WHEREAS**, the Purple Heart is the oldest American military decoration and was created as The Badge of Military Merit, made of purple cloth in the shape of a heart with the word "Merit" sewn upon it, on August 7, 1782 in Newburgh, New York by General George Washington, then reestablished as the Purple Heart on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1932 by General Douglas MacArthur; and

**WHEREAS**, the heritage it represents is sacred to those who know the price paid to wear the Purple Heart; and

**WHEREAS**, August 7<sup>th</sup> is nationally recognized as Purple Heart Day; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED**, We, City of Framingham Mayor Charlie Sisitsky and the City Council, hereby proclaim Framingham, Massachusetts a Purple Heart Community, honoring the service and sacrifice of those from our community who were awarded the Purple Heart while serving in our nation's wars; and

**ALSO, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that Framingham, Massachusetts will recognize August 7<sup>th</sup> annually as Purple Heart Day, and urge our citizens and organizations to display the American Flag as well as other public expressions of recognition and appreciation of our Purple Heart recipients.

### AUGUST 7<sup>th</sup> as PURPLE HEART DAY

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Attested to by:

Lisa Antonio Ferguson, City Clerk  
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