

WHEREAS, our nation and its principles have been defended throughout history by brave and patriotic men and women who willingly sacrificed their own well-being for the cause of freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration currently in use and was initially created by George Washington in 1782 as the Badge of Military Merit; 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 Armed Forces who have been wounded or paid the ultimate sacrifice in combat; and

WHEREAS, our veterans have earned profound and eternal gratitude from Texans for their willingness to risk life and limb for the sake of this nation, its people, and our cherished freedoms;

WHEREAS, the City of Mansfield has a deep admiration and utmost gratitude for the men and women who have selflessly served in the United States of America and has been proclaimed a Purple Heart City; and

WHEREAS, the 1991 Washington State Legislature passed Senate Bill 5718 recognizing the seventh day of August as a day to pay tribute to those who hold the distinction of having been awarded the Purple Heart; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael Evans Mayor of the City of Mansfield, join with the members of the City Council to hereby proclaim August 7, 2022, to be

PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT RECOGNITION DAY

The City of Mansfield is proud to be home to thousands of veterans, and we are eternally grateful for the sacrifices each of them made to serve our nation. The City of Mansfield staunchly supports those who have served in our nation's military.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Mansfield to be affixed this Monday August 8, 2022