

HINESVILLE (GEORGIA) ASSUMES THE PURPLE HEART CITY DESIGNATION

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is a combat decoration awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces, who die or become wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy; the Purple Heart is also awarded posthumously to the next of kin in the name of those who are killed in action; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart was initially created as the Badge of Military Merit by General George Washington in 1782; the Purple Heart is the first American service award or decoration made available to the common soldier, and is the oldest military decoration in present use; and

WHEREAS, the organization now known as the "Military Order of the Purple Heart" was formed in 1932; for the protection and mutual interest of all who have received the decoration composed exclusively of Purple Heart recipients. The Military Order of the Purple Heart is the only veterans service organization comprised strictly of "combat" veterans; 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 that Americans never forget to recognize the price that servicemen and women have paid for our nation's freedom; and

WHEREAS, veterans are valued throughout the State of Georgia, and special attention is placed on recognizing Purple Heart recipients; and nearly 70 cities have taken the Purple Heart City designation; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hinesville, Georgia appreciates the sacrifices that our Purple Heart recipients made in defending our freedom, and believe it is important that we acknowledge them for their courage and show them the honor and support that they have earned; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Allen Brown, Mayor of the City of Hinesville, I do hereby proclaim our fair city as a:

“ Purple Heart City ”

And encourage all residents show their appreciation for the sacrifices that our Purple Heart recipients have made on Veterans Day, and throughout the year. Signs expressing this designation will be placed at the entrances to our city and other appropriate places.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and caused the great Seal of the City of Hinesville to be affixed on this 4th day of November in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Sixteen, and in the year of our City One Hundred and Seventy Nine.

Attest: _____
Billy Edwards, City Manager

Allen Brown, Mayor

