



## PROCLAMATION

### PURPLE HEART COMMUNITY

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**WHEREAS**, the people of The City of Lebanon, New Hampshire, have great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the citizens of our community who have selflessly served in the Armed Forces, which has been vital in maintaining freedom and the way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, citizens of our community have been killed in action while serving in the Armed Forces and have been posthumously awarded the Purple Heart for their ultimate sacrifice; and

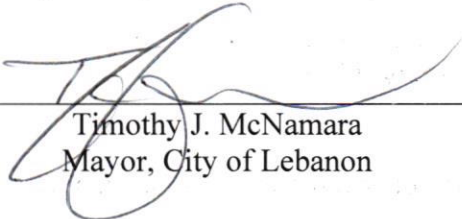
**WHEREAS**, the Purple Heart is the oldest American military decoration and was created as The Badge of Military Merit, made of purple cloth in the shape of a heart with the word "Merit" sewn upon it, on August 7, 1782 in Newburgh, New York by General George Washington; and

**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

**THEREFORE, BE IT NOW RESOLVED**, that the City of Lebanon, New Hampshire, will recognize August 7<sup>th</sup>, annually, as Purple Heart Day, and urge the people and organizations of Lebanon to display the American Flag, as well as other public expressions of recognition of our Purple Heart recipients.

Proclaimed this 20<sup>th</sup> Day of July in the year Two-Thousand-Twenty-Two.

  
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Timothy J. McNamara  
Mayor, City of Lebanon