



Military Order of the Purple Heart

Proclamation Purple Heart Community

Town of Stratham, New Hampshire

Whereas, the people of the Town of Stratham have great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all of the citizens of our community who have selflessly served in the Armed Forces, which has been vital in maintaining the freedom and the way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and,

Whereas, citizens of our community have been wounded in action or killed in action while serving in the Armed Forces, and have been posthumously awarded the Purple Heart for their ultimate sacrifices; 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 7th is nationally recognized as Purple Heart Day.

Now therefore, we, the Select Board of the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire will recognize August 7th, annually, as Purple Heart Day, and urge the people and organizations of Stratham to display the American Flag as well as other public expressions of recognition of our Purple Heart recipients.

Proclaimed this 6th day of December, 2021 by the Stratham Select Board