

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION, SUPPORT, AND RESPECT
IN HONOR OF THE SACRIFICES OF OUR
PURPLE HEART RECIPIENTS**

WHEREAS, the County of Forsyth of the State of North Carolina has always supported its military veteran population; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in present use and was initially created as the Badge of Military Merit by General George Washington in 1782; 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 United States Armed Forces who have been wounded or killed in combat with a declared enemy of the United States of America; 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 we never forget; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina has a proud history of supporting our military and North Carolina has a large, highly-decorated veteran population including more than 2,000 identified Purple Heart recipients; and

WHEREAS, Forsyth County desires to express appreciation for the sacrifices of our Purple Heart recipients and believes it is important that we acknowledge them for their courage and show them the honor and respect they have earned.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners hereby encourages the citizens of Forsyth County to show their appreciation, support, and respect for the sacrifices our Purple Heart recipients have made.

Adopted this the 27th day of June 2013.