

TOWN OF EDGEWOOD, NEW MEXICO

PROCLAMATION

IN HONOR OF THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

WHEREAS, The Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration still in present 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 made available to the common soldier, and is awarded to any member of the United States Armed Services wounded or killed in combat with a declared enemy of the United States; and


WHEREAS, The mission of The Military Order of the Purple Heart, chartered by an act of Congress, is to foster an environment of goodwill among the combat-wounded veteran members and their families; to promote patriotism; to support related legislative initiatives; and, most importantly, to make sure we never forget the sacrifices made by those so decorated; and

WHEREAS, Edgewood has a highly decorated Veteran population including Purple Heart Recipients; and

WHEREAS, There have been former Edgewood residents who made the ultimate sacrifice in giving their lives in the cause of freedom, and there are combat-wounded veterans who currently reside within the Town of Edgewood, and as Purple Heart awardees who contribute to their community in countless ways; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Edgewood falls within the purview of Chapter 1966 of the New Mexico Military Order of the Purple Heart and wishes to pledge its strong support, honor and gratitude for this noble organization and for those who put their lives at risk in service of their Country and their fellow citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Town of Edgewood, New Mexico, that honor and gratitude be bestowed upon the Military Order of The Purple Heart, Chapter 1966, recognizing the Town of Edgewood as a “Purple Heart Town in the State of New Mexico”


John Bassett, Mayor

ATTEST:


Juan Torres, Clerk-Treasurer