

**PROCLAMATION TO PROCLAIM
THE CITY OF TROY
A PURPLE HEART CITY
MAY 20, 2024**

WHEREAS, The City of Troy, Michigan has great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served their country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, Veterans have paid the high price of freedom by leaving families and communities behind and placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, The contributions and sacrifices of the men and women from the City of Troy who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedom and way of life enjoyed by our citizens. Many men and women in uniform have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces; 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 paid the ultimate sacrifice in combat with a declared enemy of the United States. Two million Purple Hearts have been awarded throughout all wars, over 430,000 posthumously; 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, Michigan has 461,000 Veterans according to USAFACTS.org. Many citizens of our community are highly decorated veterans including many Purple Heart recipients. Troy's DeWolfe-Dreon-Lukowski Jr. VFW Post 4037 has 195 members with two members, Matt Wolf and Richard Nicholson, awarded the Purple Heart medal; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Troy hereby proclaim the City of Troy as a Purple Heart City, honoring the service and sacrifice of our nation's men and women wounded or killed by the enemy while serving to protect the freedom enjoyed by all Americans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we invite all citizens to show their appreciation for the sacrifices that the Purple Heart recipients have made in defending our freedoms, to acknowledge their courage, and to show them the honor and support they have earned.

Presented this 20th day of May 2024.