



Davis County Commission

PROCLAMATION #2016-59

DAVIS COUNTY, UTAH - A PURPLE HEART COUNTY

WHEREAS, Davis County, Utah 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 paid the ultimate sacrifice 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, Davis County has a large, highly decorated veteran population including many Purple Heart recipients, and

WHEREAS, Davis County appreciates the sacrifices our Purple Heart recipients made in defending our country and our freedoms, and believes it is important that we acknowledge and honor them for their military service and courage;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Davis County Commissioners hereby proclaims Davis County as a **PURPLE HEART COUNTY** and encourages the citizens of Davis County to honor Purple Heart recipients by showing their appreciation for the sacrifices they have made in defending our freedoms. In so doing, we honor the service and sacrifice of our nation's men and women in uniform wounded or killed by the enemy while serving to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans.

Dated this 16th day of February, 2016

John Petroff, Jr.
Commission Chair

James E. Smith
Commission Vice-Chair

P. Bret Millburn
Commissioner