



PROCLAMATION

PINELLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

PURPLE HEART DAY

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration still in 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 Florida Veterans Coalition, located in Pinellas County, is to bring financial, emotional, and regulatory assistance to Veterans through collaboration with community partners, bringing Veterans together through shared commitment to each other. The Florida Veterans Coalition not only led in the establishment of the Florida Memorial Plaza, but just this year held the first Honor Fest to remember the men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our Country; those men and woman who were awarded the Purple Heart posthumously; and

WHEREAS, there have been many Pinellas County residents who made the ultimate sacrifice in giving their lives in the cause of freedom, and there are numerous combat-wounded veterans who currently reside in the county, and as Purple Heart awardees contribute to their community in countless ways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners that August 7, 2025, be recognized as

PURPLE HEART DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands and caused the seal of Pinellas County, Florida, to be affixed this ____ day of _____ 2025.

