

**RESOLUTION 17- 44**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT DESIGNATING THE PORTION OF S.R. 60 BETWEEN THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY LINE AND MANDALAY AVENUE IN PINELLAS COUNTY AS A "PURPLE HEART TRAIL."

**WHEREAS**, General George Washington established the Purple Heart Medal on August 7, 1782 to honor military personnel wounded in combat; and

**WHEREAS**, our local community, state, and nation owe a deep amount of gratitude and respect to all members of the Armed Forces, especially those who have been wounded in combat and honored with the Purple Heart Medal;

**WHEREAS**, the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) of the USA has established a national effort network of Purple Heart Trails consisting of major highways and roadways that lead to patriotic sites, and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Legislature successfully passed Senate Bill 368 during the 2017 Legislative Session that designates the portion of S.R. 60 between the Hillsborough County line and Mandalay Avenue within Pinellas County as a "Purple Heart Trail;" and

**WHEREAS**, Section 334.071, Florida Statutes, requires a resolution of support from the County Commission before markers may be placed; and

**WHEREAS**, Pinellas County requests that the Florida Department of Transportation place and maintain appropriate markers designating said highway at the site of the Florida Veterans Memorial Plaza at Crest Lake Park, at the Hillsborough/Pinellas County line along the Courtney Campbell Causeway, and at Mandalay Avenue within the City of Clearwater.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida, at a duly-assembled meeting held on this 1st day of August 2017, that it supports the designation of the portion of S.R. 60 between the Hillsborough County line and Mandalay Avenue in Pinellas County as a trail within the National Purple Heart Trail network, and naming that portion of S.R. 60 a "Purple Heart Highway;" and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be made part of the minutes of the proceedings of this Board, and that a certified copy thereof be filed for record in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Pinellas County, Florida.

Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ Gerard \_\_\_\_\_ offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ Welch \_\_\_\_\_, and upon roll call the vote was:

**Ayes:** Long, Welch, Eggers, Gerard, Justice, Morroni, and Seel.

**Nays:** None.

**Absent and not voting:** None.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: Christy Doraan Pembek  
Office of the County Attorney