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JEFFERSON COUNTY IS NOW A PURPLE HEART COUNTY

JEFFERSON COUNTY, MO – At the July 8, 2024 County Council Meeting, a proclamation was read by County Executive Dennis Gannon proclaiming Jefferson County as A Purple Heart County. The proclamation was signed by the County Executive and members of the County Council.

In addition to the proclamation, road signs will be placed along roadways throughout Jefferson County denoting Jefferson County as A Purple Heart County.

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. It is the first American service award or decoration made available to the common soldier. Specifically, the Purple Heart is 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.

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.

“We appreciate the sacrifices our Purple Heart recipients made in defending our freedoms,” said County Executive Dennis Gannon. “It is important that we acknowledge them for their courage and show them the honor and support they have earned.”

At Jefferson County, MO – Government, we encourage the citizens of Jefferson County to show their appreciation for the sacrifice 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.

To learn more about the Military Order of the Purple Heart, visit purpleheart.org.

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