

RECOMMENDATION RESOLUTION NO. 2021-01RR

**A RECOMMENDATION RESOLUTION OF THE VETERAN AFFAIRS
ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF SAN MARCOS, TEXAS
SUPPORTING THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART –
NATIONAL PURPLE HEART TRAIL PROGRAM AND SEEKING
DESIGNATION AS A PURPLE HEART CITY ON SAID TRAIL.**

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, the people of the City of San Marcos have the greatest admiration and upmost gratitude for the men and women who have selflessly served our Country and this City in the Armed Forces, and

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

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration still in use and was initially created as the "Badge of Military Merit" by General George Washington on August 7th, 1782; and is specifically awarded to any member of the United States Armed Forces wounded or killed in combat with a declared enemy of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, an organization chartered by the Congress of the United States, is to foster an environment of good will among combat-wounded Veteran members and their families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives, and most importantly, make sure we never forget; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Marcos appreciates the sacrifices that Purple Heart recipients have made in defense of freedom and believes it is important that we acknowledge these individuals for their courage and show them the honor and support they have earned.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VETERAN AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE
CITY OF SAN MARCOS, TEXAS:**

1. The City of San Marcos should seek designation as a "Purple Heart City" in honor of the sacrifices our Purple Heart recipients have made in defending our freedoms.
2. The City of San Marcos should declare annually, by proclamation, August 7th as "National Purple Heart Day" in San Marcos.
3. The City of San Marcos should appropriate funds for the purchase and installation of signage to indicate to residents and visitors that San Marcos is a "Purple Heart City".

ADOPTED on March 17, 2021.



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