



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Dora proudly supports its Military Veteran population; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in use today which evolved from the Badge of Military Merit, created by General George Washington for the common soldier in 1782; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces that have been wounded or killed in combat with a declared enemy of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Mount Dora has a large and highly decorated Veteran population including Purple Heart Recipients; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart is to foster an environment of goodwill among the combat wounded Veterans and their families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives and most importantly, make sure we never forget; and

WHEREAS, Mount Dora appreciates the sacrifices our Purple Heart recipients have made in defending our freedoms and believe it is important that we acknowledge them for their courage and show them the support they have earned; and

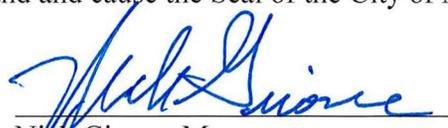
WHEREAS, the State of Florida has been designated by the Florida State Legislature, a Purple Heart State, honoring the service and sacrifices of our nation's men and women in uniform who were wounded or killed by the enemy while serving to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans; and

WHEREAS, Governor Rick Scott signed into law a bill, which was unanimously passed by the Florida Senate and House of Representatives, which officially designates August 7th as "Purple Heart Day" in the State of Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nick Girone, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of Mount Dora do hereby proclaim the City of Mount Dora a

PURPLE HEART CITY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Mount Dora to be affixed this day June 18, 2019.



Nick Girone, Mayor

ATTEST:



Gwen Johns, City Clerk