

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION
DESIGNATING STAMFORD A PURPLE HEART CITY**

WHEREAS, the people of the City of Stamford have great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the men and woman who have selflessly served their country and community in the Armed Forces; and

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

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women from the City of Stamford who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedom and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, many men and women in uniform have shed their blood or given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, General George Washington established the Badge of Military Merit, an award for exemplary service in the Continental Army during the War of Independence on August 7, 1782, and it is the oldest military decoration in present use; and

WHEREAS, in 1932, the Badge of Military Merit was revived and re-designated as the Purple Heart, a valor award for United States Army personnel, which was subsequently expanded to include members of all branches of the armed forces of the United States; and

WHEREAS, many citizens of our community have earned the Purple Heart Medal as a result of being wounded while engaged in combat with enemy force, construed as a singularly meritorious act of essential service; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stamford seeks to remember, recognize, and honor veterans who are recipients of the Purple Heart Medal by becoming a Purple Heart City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 30th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford designates Stamford a Purple Heart City, honoring the service and sacrifice of our nation's men and women in uniform, wounded or killed by the enemy while serving to protect our freedoms.

*Approved by the 30th Board of Representatives
this 4^h day of November, 2020*

Matthew Quinones, President

Susan Nabel, Clerk