

**A RESOLUTION HONORING ALL PURPLE HEART MEDAL RECIPIENTS BY  
DECLARING RAPID CITY AS A PURPLE HEART CITY**

WHEREAS, The Purple Heart Medal was the first American service award or decoration made available to the common soldier and is specifically 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; and

WHEREAS, The organization now known as the “Military Order of the Purple Heart,” was formed in 1932 for the protection and mutual interest of all who have received the Purple Heart Medal, and it is the only veterans service organization comprised strictly of “combat” veterans; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, The City of Rapid City has strong ties to the United States Armed Forces and is proud and supportive of our high veteran population and all visiting veterans.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Rapid City supports the mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and therefore desires to be designated as a Purple Heart City in honor of the sacrifices our Purple Heart recipients have made in defending our freedoms.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of April 2019 by the City of Rapid City.

DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of April 2019.

CITY OF RAPID CITY

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Mayor

Attest

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Finance Officer (seal)