



## Proclamation

### Of the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado Recognizing Purple Heart Veterans And El Dorado County as a Purple Heart County

**WHEREAS**, the County of El Dorado in the state of California has always supported its military veteran population; and

**WHEREAS**, 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purple Heart was the first American service award or decoration made available to all who serve 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 mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart is to foster an environment of goodwill among combat-wounded veteran members and their families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives and most importantly—make sure we never forget; and

**WHEREAS**, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 385 has selected El Dorado County as a Purple Heart County for its ongoing appreciation and support for all veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, El Dorado County has one of the highest percentages of veteran populations in California including many Purple Heart recipients and has great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served their country; and

**WHEREAS**, El Dorado County appreciates the sacrifices our Purple Heart recipients made in defending our freedoms and believe it is important that we acknowledge them for their courage and show them the honor and support they have earned.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the Board of Supervisors, of the County of El Dorado, does hereby proclaim the County of El Dorado as a Purple Heart County and to encourage the citizens of El Dorado County to show their appreciation for the sacrifices our Purple Heart recipients have made in defending our freedoms, to acknowledge their courage and to show them the honor and support they have earned.

**Passed** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2019.

**Attest:**

James S. Mitrising  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
by:

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Deputy Clerk

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Sue Novasel, Chair, Board of Supervisors