

# **PROCLAMATION**

## **Declaring the City of Hammond a Purple Heart City**

*Whereas*, the City of Hammond, Louisiana and our community have a great admiration and the utmost gratitude and respect for all the men and women who have, and are, selflessly serving their country and this 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 who served the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

*Whereas*, many men and women in uniform have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces; and

*Whereas*, citizens of our country have received the Purple Heart Medal as a result of being wounded while engaged in combat with an enemy force, construed as a singularly meritorious act of essential service; and

*Whereas*, the City of Hammond seeks to remember and recognize veterans who are recipients of the Purple Heart Medal; and

*Therefore be it resolved*, that the City of Hammond, Louisiana to be proclaimed 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.

*Now*, Therefore, I, Pete Panepinto, Mayor of the City of Hammond and Kip Andrews, Hammond City Council President, do hereby proclaim the City of Hammond a Purple Heart City in recognition of our communities Purple Heart Medal recipients.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have here unto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Hammond to be affixed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

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Kip Andrews, City Council President

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Pete Panepinto, Mayor