

PROCLAMATION
Purple Heart Community

WHEREAS, the people of the Town of Needham have great admiration and the utmost gratitude for the men and women who selflessly served their country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

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

WHEREAS, many of our citizens were awarded the Purple Heart for their sacrifice, having been wounded in action while engaged in combat; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest American military decoration in present use and was initially created as The Badge of Military Merit on August 7, 1782 in Newburgh, New York by General George Washington. The award was made of purple cloth, shaped as a heart with the word "Merit" sewn upon it and

WHEREAS, August 7 is nationally recognized as Purple Heart Appreciation Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Select Board of the Town of Needham does hereby proclaim that Needham is a Purple Heart Community and that August 7th will be considered Purple Heart Day in Needham. The Select Board encourages residents and businesses to display the American Flag and recognize Purple Heart recipients on that day, honoring the service and sacrifice of our military personnel.

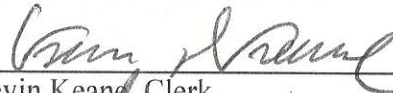
Signed this 26th day of July 2022



Marianne B. Cooley, Chair



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