

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest 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 the common soldier and is specifically awarded to any member of the United States Armed Services wounded or killed in combat with a declared enemy of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Military Order of Purple Heart, Chartered by an act of Congress, 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, Henderson County residents have been engaged in every war against a declared enemy fought by the United States, including the war for the nation's independence; and

WHEREAS, Henderson County recognizes the commitment and increasing sacrifices required of military families; and

WHEREAS, Henderson County pledges its ongoing commitment to, and support for, the men and women who so honorably serve our nation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, the Henderson County Board of Commissioners hereby declares:

Henderson County as a Purple Heart County in the State of North Carolina

This the 3rd day of February, 2014.

Charles D. Messer, Chairman

Attest:

Teresa L. Wilson, Clerk to the Board