



PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF
COLUSA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAIMING THE COUNTY OF
COLUSA AS A PURPLE HEART COUNTY

WHEREAS, General George Washington, on August 7, 1782, by General Order, established the Badge of Military Merit, an award for exemplary services in the Continental Army during the War of Independence; and

WHEREAS, the Badge of Military Merit was the first military award of the independent colonies and the first award in western civilization designated specifically for the common soldier, and

WHEREAS, in 1932, with the assistance of General Douglas MacArthur, the Badge of Military Merit was revived and re-designated as the Purple Heart, a valor award for United States Army personnel, and

WHEREAS, in 1942 President Franklin D. Roosevelt by Executive Order 9277, retroactive to December 6, 1941, expanded the awarding of the Purple Heart to members of all branches of the Armed Forces of the United States and established a uniform application of standards for the award in the Army and Navy, and

WHEREAS, President Harry S. Truman, in Executive Order 10409 of November 1952, retroactively extended Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard eligibility for the Purple heart to April 5, 1917, to cover World War I, and

WHEREAS, President John F. Kennedy, on April 25, 1962, in Executive Order 11016 extended eligibility as well to any civilian national of the United States, who while serving under competent authority in any capacity with an armed force has been wounded, and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart has come to stand as a symbol of dedication to service and selfless sacrifice without which the freedom and liberty we so cherish could not endure, and

WHEREAS, the Colusa County Board of Supervisors wish to specifically recognize the service and sacrifice of the veterans of Colusa County on May 14, 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors, proclaim, henceforth, the County of Colusa shall be known as a Purple Heart County.


Denise J. Carter, Chair
County of Colusa Board of Supervisors