

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Atlantic Beach has great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served their country in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlantic Beach has a large, highly decorated Active Duty and Veteran population including many *Purple Heart* recipients; 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 the common soldier 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, 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, the City of Atlantic Beach appreciates the sacrifices our *Purple Heart* recipients have made defending our freedoms and believe it is important that we acknowledge them for their immense courage and unselfish service to their Nation.

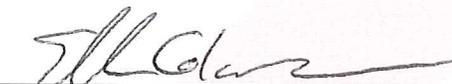
NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Ellen Glasser, Mayor of the City of Atlantic Beach, Florida do hereby proclaim the City of Atlantic Beach as

A PURPLE HEART CITY

and encourage the citizens and residents of Atlantic Beach to show their appreciation for the sacrifices Purple Heart recipients have made in defending our freedoms, to recognize their valor, and to show them the honor and support they have earned.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Atlantic Beach to be affixed this 14th day of May 2018.


Ellen Glasser, MAYOR