

PROCLAMATION



IN HONOR OF THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

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 Forces wounded or killed in combat with a declared enemy of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, chartered by an Act of Congress on February 22, 1932, is to foster an environment of goodwill among combat wounded veterans and their families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives and most importantly, make sure we never forget; and

WHEREAS, Baldwin County, Alabama, has a large veteran population and is the home to a number of Purple Heart recipients; and

WHEREAS, Baldwin County is the home of the Alabama State Memorial Veterans Cemetery at Spanish Fort, which is the resting place of many Purple Heart recipients; and

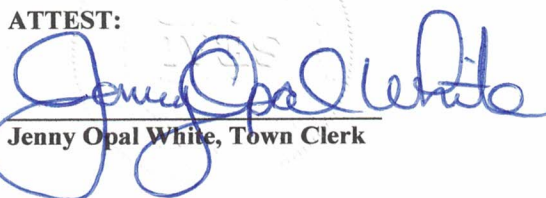
WHEREAS, the Town of Magnolia Springs has a great admiration for the men and women who have selflessly served our country and acknowledges our veterans who have paid the high price of freedom by leaving their families and communities behind and placing their own lives in the harm's way for the good of all; now therefore

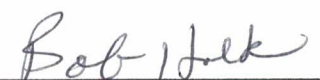
BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE TOWN OF MAGNOLIA SPRINGS, IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, that we hereby proclaim Magnolia Springs, Alabama, as a Purple Heart Town in the State of Alabama.

FUTHERMORE, the Town of Magnolia Springs encourages the citizens of Magnolia Springs, to show their appreciation for the sacrifices the Purple Heart recipients have made in defending our freedoms, to acknowledge their courage, and to show them the respect and support they have earned.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of the Town of Magnolia Springs to be affixed on this 27th day of March, 2018.

ATTEST:


Jenny Opal White, Town Clerk


Bob Holk, Mayor