Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners

Proclaiming Chatham County (North Carolina) a Purple Heart County

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is awarded to Armed Forces members who have been wounded or killed while serving in the United States military against opposing armed forces; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart was established by General George Washington as a Badge of Military Merit on August 7, 1782, and was awarded to three Revolutionary War soldiers; and

WHEREAS, since its inception and through several wars and conflicts, the Purple Heart has been given to more than a million soldiers wounded or killed in action while serving our nation; and

WHEREAS, the Military Order of the Purple Heart works to raise funds for service, welfare and rehabilitation work in connection with the members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart (a congressionally chartered veterans organization), those who are eligible for membership therein, or any wounded, disabled and/or handicapped veteran, his widow, orphan or survivor; and

WHEREAS, there have been many Chatham County residents who made the ultimate sacrifice in giving their lives in the cause of freedom, including current residents who received the Purple Heart awardees and continue making contributions to our communities; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners joins the Military Order of the Purple Heart and other agencies and organizations in honoring all recipient of the Purple Heart, proclaims Chatham County as a Purple Heart County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we proclaims August 2014 as “Purple Heart Awardees Recognition Month” in Chatham County and encourages all residents to show support for those who have made such tremendous sacrifices and served with highest honor.

Adopted this the 4th Day of August 2014

Walter Petty, Chairman
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

Attest:
Lindsay K. Ray, Clerk to the Board
Chatham County Board of Commissioners