

RESOLUTION NO. 14-018

DECLARING PACIFIC GROVE A PURPLE HEART CITY AND DESIGNATING PURPLE HEART DAY

WHEREAS, the people of the City of Pacific Grove have great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the men and woman who have selflessly served their country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, veterans have paid the high price of freedom by leaving their families and communities and placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women from the city of Pacific Grove who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedom and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, many men and women in uniform have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, General George Washington, on August 7, 1782, by General Order, established the Badge of Military Merit; an award for exemplary service 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, in 1952, President Harry S. Truman, in Executive Order 10409, retroactively extended Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard eligibility for the Purple Heart to April 5, 1917, to cover World War I; and

WHEREAS, in 1962, President John F. Kennedy, 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, many citizens of our community have earned the Purple Heart Medal as a result of being wounded while engaged in combat with enemy force, construed as a singularly meritorious act essential service; and

WHEREAS, this resolution shall designate as specific day in the City of Pacific Grove to remember and recognize veterans who are recipient of the Purple Heart Medal; and

WHEREAS, this action does not constitute a project under the California Environmental Quality Act.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE THAT:

1. The foregoing Findings are adopted by the City Council as though set forth in full.
2. The City Council hereby proclaims the City of Pacific Grove as a Purple Heart City, honoring the service and sacrifice of our nation's men and women wounded or killed by the enemy while serving to protect the freedom enjoyed by all Americans.
3. The City Council hereby proclaims that each August 7th shall be Pacific Grove Purple Heart Day to honor the service and sacrifice of our nation's men and women wounded or killed serving to protect the freedom enjoyed by all Americans.
4. This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE
this 16th day of April, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Pro Tem Huitt, Councilmembers Cohen, Cuneo, Fischer, Lucius, and Miller

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Kampe

APPROVED:

ROBERT HUITT
Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

ANN CAMEL,
Interim City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DAVID C. LAREDO,
City Attorney