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Title...

Proclamation declaring Tuesday, January 17, 2017 as Purple Heart Day and designating Allegheny County as a Purple Heart County in partnership with the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Greater Pittsburgh, Chapter 455.

Body...

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in use today, and it evolved from the Badge of Military Merit created in 1782 by General George Washington for the common soldier; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is specifically awarded to any member of the United States Armed Services wounded or killed in combat by a declared enemy of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Allegheny County has great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women of the Armed Forces who have selflessly served their country and this county and who have borne the brunt of battle; and

WHEREAS, veterans have paid the high price for 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 of Allegheny County who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Purple Heart recipients are an integral part of our society and it is important that we acknowledge them for their courage and show them the support they have earned; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Greater Pittsburgh, Chapter 455, Allegheny County Council and Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald does move to join counties across the country in becoming a Purple Heart County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Council of Allegheny County and Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, January 17, 2017 as **Purple Heart Day** and designate Allegheny County, Pennsylvania as a **Purple Heart County**.