PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *the original Purple Heart, known as the Badge of Military Merit, was established by General George Washington at Newburgh, New York, on August 7, 1782, during the Revolutionary War ; and*

WHEREAS, *the Purple Heart was the first American service award made available to the common soldier. It is specifically awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces who have been wounded or killed in combat with a declared enemy of the United States; and*

WHEREAS, *the contemporary Purple Heart is a combat decoration awarded to recipients who know the meaning of sacrifice in preservation of the United States of America and its national interests at home and abroad; and*

WHEREAS, *the Florida State Legislature designated August 7 as "Purple Heart Day" in perpetuity in honor of the recipients; and*

WHEREAS, *the City of Port St. Lucie is honored to recognize the sacrifices our Purple Heart recipients have made in defending our freedoms and believes that it is important to acknowledge their courage and to show them the support they have earned.*

NOW, THEREFORE, *I, JoAnn M. Faiella, Mayor of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, do proclaim that Port St. Lucie is a*

Purple Heart City

and ask that all of our citizens honor our Purple Heart recipients.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA, TO BE AFFIXED, THIS TWENTY-SECOND DAY OF OCTOBER, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, TWO THOUSAND AND TWELVE.

JoAnn M. Faiella, Mayor

Karen A. Phillips, City Clerk