

HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL
KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

ORDINANCE

BILL

7 (2024)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE

RELATING TO DECLARING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU A PURPLE HEART CITY.

BE IT ORDAINED by the People of the City and County of Honolulu:

SECTION 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to declare the City and County of Honolulu a Purple Heart City.

The Purple Heart, originally titled the Badge of Military Merit, was a purple-colored, heart-shaped badge created by General George Washington in 1782 and is the oldest military decoration in present use.

The medal was intended to recognize, as General Washington wrote on August 7, 1782, "any singularly meritorious action," not only in instances of unusual gallantry, but also of extraordinary fidelity and essential service.

Currently, the Purple Heart is awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces who have been killed, wounded, or died of wounds received while engaged in armed combat with an enemy force or as a result of international terrorism or being a prisoner of war.

The City and County of Honolulu ("City") has a proud history of supporting its active military and veteran population, and deeply appreciates the sacrifices its Purple Heart recipients have made in the nation's defense.

To honor the City's Purple Heart recipients for their "singularly meritorious action" in the line of duty and their service to the nation and the people of Hawaii, the Council of the City and County of Honolulu declares Honolulu to be a Purple Heart City.

SECTION 2. Chapter 1, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("General Provisions"), is amended by adding a new article to be appropriately designated by the Revisor of Ordinances and to read as follows:



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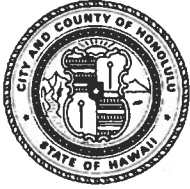
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"Article __. Purple Heart City

§ 1-_.1 Purple Heart City.

The City and County of Honolulu shall be known and designated as a "Purple Heart City" in recognition of and to honor the extraordinary courage, service, and sacrifices, in the line of duty, of Honolulu's Purple Heart recipients."



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SECTION 3. This ordinance takes effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

FEB 20 2024

Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Deputy Corporation Counsel

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 20 ____.

RICK BLANGIARDI, Mayor
City and County of Honolulu

Report Title:

Purple Heart City; Declaration; United States Armed Forces; Military Merit

Description:

Declares the City and County of Honolulu a Purple Heart City to recognize and honor Honolulu's Purple Heart recipients.

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