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## Resolution

### Proclaiming Barnwell County As A Purple Heart County

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest decoration in present use and was initially created as the Badge of Military by General George Washington in 1782; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart was the first American service award or decoration made available to the common soldier and is specifically awarded to any member of the United States Armed Services who has been wounded or killed in combat against a declared enemy of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, chartered by an Act of Congress, is to foster an environment of goodwill among the combat wounded veteran member and their families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives and, most importantly, make sure we never forget; and

WHEREAS, Barnwell County has had many residents make the ultimate sacrifice in armed conflict since 1898, and has a large number of residents who have been awarded the Military Order of the Purple Heart for wounds they received while in combat; and

WHEREAS, Barnwell County has a substantial number of highly decorated military members, both active and retired, who are recognized in their continuing commitment and in the increasing sacrifices their military families make daily; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that members of the Barnwell County Council hereby proclaim Barnwell County as a Purple Heart County in recognition and honor of these men and women for their dedicated service.

Signed and sealed this 10th day of December 2014.

Freddie Houston Sr., Chairman

David Kenner, Vice Chairman

Harold Buckmon, Councilman

Jerry Creech, Councilman

Lowell Jowers Sr., Councilman

Keith Sloan, Councilman

Joe Smith, Councilman

Pickens Williams Jr., Administrator