



Office of the Mayor
Crossville, Tennessee
**Purple Heart City
Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the City of Crossville in the State of Tennessee has great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women 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 Crossville Area who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and the way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in present use and was initially created as the Badge of Military Merit 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 members of the United States Armed Forces who have been wounded or paid the ultimate sacrifice in combat with a declared enemy of the United States of America; and,

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

WHEREAS, the City of Crossville has a large, highly decorated veteran population including Purple Heart recipients; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Crossville appreciates the sacrifices our Purple Heart recipients made in defending our freedoms and believe it is important that we acknowledge them for their courage and show them the honor and support they have earned.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, R.J. Crawford, Mayor of the City of Crossville, do hereby proclaim the City of Crossville a

A PURPLE HEART CITY

And encourage the citizens of the City of Crossville to show their appreciation for the sacrifices of the Purple Heart recipients have made in defending our freedoms, to acknowledge their courage, and to show them the honor and support they have earned.

Mayor R.J. Crawford

ATTEST: _____

DATE: _____