



107 - 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

## PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF GOLD BAR AS A PURPLE HEART CITY

WHEREAS, the City of Gold Bar has a proud history of supporting our active military and veteran population; and

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

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart Medal was the first award made available to the common soldier and is specifically awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces who have been wounded in combat or have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms, being killed in action against a declared enemy of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Military Order of Purple Heart is to foster an environment of goodwill among combat-wounded veterans and their families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives, and most importantly, to make sure that we never forget the sacrifices of our military service men and women; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gold Bar appreciates the sacrifices, and honors of all its military veterans, combat veterans, Purple Heart recipients, and their families for the sacrifices that they have made in defending our freedoms;

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY OF GOLD BAR does hereby proclaim that Gold Bar is a Purple Heart City and encourages residents and businesses within the City to show their appreciation for the sacrifices Purple Heart recipients have made in defending our freedoms, to acknowledge their courage, and to show them the honor and support they have earned.

Signed and proclaimed this 15th day of February, 2022.

Steve Yarbrough Mayor

Attest: Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer