

A resolution

adopted by *The City Council*
of the *City of Chicago, Illinois*



Presented by Mayor Brandon Johnson,
and members of the City Council on October 30, 2024

Whereas, the Purple Heart Medal 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, Illinois has lost over 30,000 of its brave sons and daughters in past conflicts, with thousands more who have been wounded in action who carry the scars with them, including 1,789 Illinoisans who never returned home from the Korean War and 2,936 veterans from Illinois who made the ultimate sacrifice during the Vietnam War and are honored at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial along the Chicago Riverwalk, and many more service members who are still unaccounted for; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the City of Chicago to honor the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country, in both our words and our actions, and to remember the enduring courage and strength of their families; and

WHEREAS, Chicago has a longstanding tradition of honoring the valor of those who have served in the United States Armed Forces, and the city remains committed to supporting its veteran community through services, events, and partnerships; and


WHEREAS, the mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart is to foster an environment of goodwill and camaraderie among combat wounded veterans, promote patriotism, support necessary legislative initiatives, and most importantly provide service to all veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Military Order of the Purple Heart has established the Purple Heart Trail to create a symbolic and honorary system of roads, highways, bridges, and other monuments that give tribute to the men and women who have been awarded the Purple Heart medal, including 39 cities in Illinois, which are designated as "Purple Heart Cities"; and

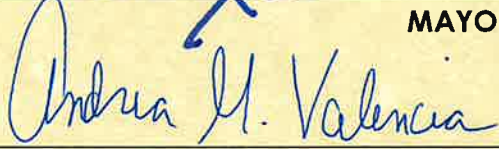
WHEREAS, designating Chicago as a "Purple Heart City" acknowledges the city's profound respect for the sacrifices made by military personnel and their families and demonstrates the City's commitment to recognizing the bravery and selflessness of Purple Heart recipients; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this thirtieth day of October, 2024 proudly support the mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and now officially designate Chicago as a "Purple Heart City" to honor the sacrifices made by Purple Heart recipients in defense of our freedoms and reaffirm Chicago's commitment to recognizing and supporting the valor of those who have been wounded or lost their lives in military service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the Military Order of the Purple Heart, so the City of Chicago can be properly recognized as a "Purple Heart City."



MAYOR



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