

**CITY OF NIXA
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
STATE OF MISSOURI**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Nixa proudly supports its military veteran population; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women from Nixa who served in harm's way in the armed forces have been vital in maintaining the freedom and the way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in use today which evolved from the Badge of Military Merit, created by General George Washington in 1782; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces that have been wounded or killed in combat with a declared enemy of the United States of America; and

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

WHEREAS, as we celebrate our freedom, we should be mindful that this is a gift of life given to each of us by the men and women who bravely served and continue to serve our country, and the ultimate sacrifices they have made on our behalf; and

WHEREAS, the City of Nixa encourages all residents to recognize and commend all active military men and women, veterans, and fallen military heroes, especially those who have gallantly earned a purple heart in the name of freedom.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brian Steele, Mayor of the City of Nixa, Missouri, do hereby proclaim August 7th, 2022, as

"Purple Heart Day"

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Nixa, this 25th day of July 2022.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk