

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

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Nixa Proudly supports its military and veteran citizens; 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 way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in use today. It 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 that they have earned; and

**WHEREAS**, as we celebrate our freedom, we should be mindful that this is a gift 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, Jarad Giddens, Mayor of the City of Nixa, Missouri, do hereby proclaim the month of August 2024, as

**"Purple Heart Month"**

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Nixa, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk