



# Proclamation

Office of the Mayor, City of Mukilteo

## RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF MUKILTEO AS A PURPLE HEART CITY

January 3, 2022

*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 the 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*, U.S. Interstate 5 in Washington, which services the Puget Sound region, is now memorialized as part of the National Purple Heart Trail, and Mukilteo now proudly joins other Purple Heart cities throughout Washington State; and,

*WHEREAS*, Mukilteo appreciates the sacrifices of all of its military veterans, combat veterans, Purple Heart recipients, and their families for the sacrifices that they have made in defending our freedoms, and wants to express gratitude and honor them.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** I, Joe Marine, Mayor of the City of Mukilteo, hereby proclaim the City of Mukilteo as a Purple Heart City and encourage the residents and businesses of Mukilteo to show their appreciation for 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 this 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of January, 2022

Joe Marine  
Mayor

