

# PROCLAMATION

## IN HONOR OF THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

WHEREAS, Malone is home to men and women who have selflessly served their country in the United States Armed Forces and whose contributions and sacrifices placed themselves in harm's way for the good of our nation and us all; and

WHEREAS, the Town and Village of Malone have always supported its military veteran population: we appreciate the sacrifices made in defending our freedoms, we recognize the courage, and we honor all who have been wounded or paid the ultimate price in combat; and

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

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart was the first American Service Award made available to the common soldier and is awarded to any member of the United States Armed Services wounded or killed in combat with 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 the combat-wounded veteran members and their families; to promote patriotism; to support related legislative initiatives; and, most importantly, to make sure we never forget the sacrifices made by those so decorated; and

WHEREAS, the Town and Village of Malone would like to honor the service and sacrifice of our community's men and women in uniform, wounded or killed while serving to protect our nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT:**

I, Andrea Stewart, Supervisor of the Town of Malone, New York, and I, Joseph Riccio, Mayor of the Village of Malone, New York, do hereby proclaim the Town and Village of Malone as a

### PURPLE HEART COMMUNITY

and we encourage the citizens of Malone to show their appreciation for the sacrifices that Purple Heart recipients have made in defending our freedoms, to acknowledge their courage, and to show them the honor and support they have earned.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand and seal this 31 day of January, 2019.

  
Andrea M. Stewart, Supervisor  
Town of Malone, New York

  
Joseph Riccio, Mayor  
Village of Malone, New York

