RESOLUTION NO. 180415

Declaring Kansas City a Purple Heart City.

WHEREAS, the citizens of Kansas City have great admiration and gratitude for the men and women who have selflessly served their country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in 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 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; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kansas City appreciates the sacrifices our Purple Heart recipients made in defending our freedoms and acknowledges those men and women for their courage by showing our support and honor; and

WHEREAS, the Military Order of the Purple Heart has provided signs recognizing this designation, NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That Kansas City, Missouri is a Purple Heart City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the Council in testimony thereof and that a copy hereof be presented to the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 115 of Greater Kansas City, Missouri with the appreciation of the Mayor, Council and citizens of Kansas City for their generosity and commitment to assist cities and counties in recognizing their Purple Heart recipients.

Authenticated as Passed

Sly James, Mayor

Marilyn Sanders, City Clerk

MAY 2 4 2018

Date Passed