

CITY OF MARYSVILLE AGENDA BILL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY FOR ACTION

CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 1/10/22

AGENDA ITEM:	
Resolution Recognizing Marysville as a Purple Heart City	
PREPARED BY:	DIRECTOR APPROVAL:
Jon Walker	
DEPARTMENT:	
Legal	
ATTACHMENTS:	
BUDGET CODE:	AMOUNT:
<p>SUMMARY: The Military Order of Purple Heart is dedicated to fostering 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. To this end, the organization has worked to designate the Purple Heart Trail and Purple Heart Cities. The purpose of the Purple Heart Trail is to create a symbolic and honorary system of roads, highways, bridges, and other monuments that give tribute to the men and women who have been awarded the Purple Heart medal. You can learn more at this link: https://www.purpleheart.org/PurpleHeartTrail</p> <p>Mayor Nehring was contacted by a citizen who is active in the Military Order of the Purple Heart and Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). The citizen put it this way in his email to the Mayor:</p> <p>“The purpose of being a Purple Heart City is to honor military personnel wounded or killed in combat. Marysville will be the 3rd City to be proclaimed as Purple Heart City in the county behind Snohomish and Monroe. It’s important that we acknowledge all service members – active, former and those who have passed -- for their courage, along with never forgetting those who paid the price on our behalves. This long lasting commitment will show that Marysville will continue to honor those sacrifices by the men and women of the armed forces every day.”</p>	

RECOMMENDED ACTION: I move to adopt Resolution No. _____ recognizing Marysville as a Purple Heart City.

CITY OF MARYSVILLE
Marysville, Washington

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE,
WASHINGTON, RECOGNIZING CITY MARYSVILLE AS A PURPLE HEART
CITY.**

WHEREAS, City of Marysville has a proud history of supporting our active military and veteran population; and

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 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, City of Maryville has a large veteran population with many of its veterans being Purple Heart recipients; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Interstate 5 in Washington, which services Snohomish County, is now memorialized as part of the National Purple Heart Trail, and proudly joins Thurston County and Lewis County as the third Purple Heart County in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, City of Marysville 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 and honor them;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE that the Marysville City Council does hereby recognize City of Marysville as a Purple Heart City and encourages residents and businesses of Snohomish County to show their appreciation for the 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.

ADOPTED by the City Council at an open public meeting this _____ day of _____, 2022.

CITY OF MARYSVILLE

By _____
JON NEHRING, MAYOR

Attest:

By _____
, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

Approved as to form:

By _____
JON WALKER, CITY ATTORNEY