## IN RECOGNITION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA BECOMING A PURPLE HEART CITY

## **APRIL 20, 2016**

WHEREAS: THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, HAS ALWAYS SUPPORTED ITS MILITARY VETERAN POPULATION; 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 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 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, PROMOTE PATRIOTISM, SUPPORT LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY — MAKE SURE WE NEVER

FORGET; AND

WHEREAS: THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA HAS A LARGE, HIGHLY DECORATED VETERAN POPULATION INCLUDING

MANY PURPLE HEART RECIPIENTS; AND

WHEREAS: THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD APPRECIATES THE SACRIFICES OUR PURPLE HEART RECIPIENTS MADE IN

DEFENDING OUR FREEDOMS AND BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE ACKNOWLEDGE THEM FOR THEIR

COURAGE AND SHOW THEM THE HONOR AND SUPPORT THEY HAVE EARNED; NOW

THEREFORE: PETER BOBER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION,

DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD AS:

## A PURPLE HEART CITY

AND ENCOURAGE ALL RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA TO SHOW THEIR APPRECIATION FOR THE SACRIFICES THE 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 20th DAY OF APRIL, AT HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

MAYOR PETER BOBER
VICE MAYOR PETER D. HERNANDEZ
COMMISSIONER PATRICIA ASSEFF
COMMISSIONER TRACI L. CALLARI
COMMISSIONER RICHARD S. BLATTNER

COMMISSIONER KEVIN D. BIEDERMAN COMMISSIONER LINDA SHERWOOD