



At the July 21, 2015
Board of Selectmen meeting, the

**Department of Massachusetts
Combat Wounded Veterans
Military Order of the Purple Heart**

Presented to

the Town of Needham, Massachusetts
the Certificate of Acknowledgement

that designates Needham
to be known as

The Purple Heart Community.



*Department of Massachusetts
Combat Wounded Veterans
Military Order of the Purple Heart*



*Certificate of Acknowledgment
presented to*

Town of Needham, Massachusetts

*Being designated as a Town in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
To be known as the Purple Heart Community.
Honoring all who have made the ultimate sacrifice and
those who have shed their blood defending our country in all wars
From Needham, Massachusetts
And Honor August 7 as Purple Heart Day.*

All Gave Some Some Gave All

23, June 2015



Leo David Agnew
Leo David Agnew
Commander



Leo Agnew, State Commander, reads aloud the Certificate of Acknowledgement while Representative Denise Garlick and Veteran's Deputy Director Matt Ching look on.



Commander Leo Agnew was accompanied by Adjutant Tony Payne, Tom Terrien, Wayne Henry and Associate Member Betty Benoit.



Board of Selectmen and Town Manager

Left to Right: Dan Matthews, Clerk Marianne Cooley, Chairman Moe Handel, Vice Chair Matt Borrelli, John Bulian and Town Manager Kate Fitzpatrick





Below (Left to Right):
Senator Michael Rush,
Senator Richard Ross
Representative Denise Garlick

Representative Denise Garlick presents
Massachusetts General Court
Resolutions Congratulating the Town of
Needham upon being named a Purple
Heart Community by the Massachusetts
Chapter of the Military Order of the
Purple Heart.



The Massachusetts General Court



Resolutions

CONGRATULATING THE TOWN OF NEEDHAM UPON BEING NAMED A PURPLE HEART COMMUNITY BY THE MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER OF THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART.

WHEREAS, THE TOWN OF NEEDHAM HAS BEEN NAMED A PURPLE HEART COMMUNITY BY THE MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER OF THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART; AND

WHEREAS, THE PURPLE HEART IS THE UNITED STATES MILITARY'S OLDEST DECORATION AND IS GIVEN TO SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE BEEN WOUNDED OR KILLED IN COMBAT; AND

WHEREAS, THE TOWN OF NEEDHAM HAS A PROUD TRADITION OF MILITARY SERVICE AND MANY CITIZENS HAVE EARNED THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL AS A RESULT OF BEING WOUNDED WHILE ENGAGED IN COMBAT WITH ENEMY FORCES; AND

WHEREAS, MANY MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES WHILE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES; AND

WHEREAS, THE PEOPLE OF THE TOWN OF NEEDHAM HAVE ALWAYS EXPRESSED GREAT ADMIRATION AND UTMOST GRATITUDE FOR ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE SELFLESSLY SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES FROM THE TOWN OF NEEDHAM AND BEYOND; AND

WHEREAS, VETERANS HAVE PAID A HIGH PRICE FOR FREEDOM BY LEAVING THEIR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES AND PLACING THEMSELVES IN HARM'S WAY FOR THE GOOD OF ALL PEOPLE; AND

WHEREAS, THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND SACRIFICES OF THE MEN AND WOMEN FROM THE TOWN OF NEEDHAM WHO SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES HAVE BEEN VITAL IN MAINTAINING THE FREEDOM AND WAY OF LIFE ENJOYED BY ALL; THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, THAT THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL COURT HEREBY JOINS WITH THE MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER OF THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART IN RECOGNIZING THE TOWN OF NEEDHAM AS A PURPLE HEART COMMUNITY; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THESE RESOLUTIONS BE FORWARDED BY THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF NEEDHAM.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, ADOPTED, JULY 16, 2015.

Robert A. Deleo

ROBERT A. DELEO
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

Steven T. James

CLERK OF THE HOUSE

SENATE, ADOPTED IN CONCURRENCE, JULY 16, 2015.

Stanley C. Rosenberg

STANLEY C. ROSENBERG
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

William F. Walsh

CLERK OF THE SENATE

OFFERED BY:

Denise C. Garlick

REPRESENTATIVE DENISE C. GARLICK

Richard J. Ross

SENATOR RICHARD J. ROSS

Michael F. Rush

SENATOR MICHAEL F. RUSH

