

TOWN OF NEEDHAM 2025 PURPLE HEART DAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The residents of the Town of Needham have great admiration and the utmost gratitude for service members who selflessly serve their country and our community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS: The contributions and sacrifices of service members from Needham who served in harm's way in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedom and the way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS: Many Needham residents were awarded the Purple Heart for their sacrifice, having been wounded in action while engaged in combat; and

WHEREAS: The Purple Heart is the oldest American military decoration in present use and was initially created as The Badge of Military Merit on August 7, 1782 in Newburgh, New York by General George Washington. The award was made of purple cloth, shaped as a heart with the word "Merit" sewn upon it; and

WHEREAS: August 7 is nationally recognized as Purple Heart Appreciation Day.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that Needham be declared a Purple Heart Community; and

FURTHERMORE, be it resolved that August 7th be proclaimed Purple Heart Day in Needham. The Select Board encourages residents and businesses to display the American Flag and recognize Purple Heart recipients, honoring the service and sacrifice of our military personnel.

Signed this twenty second day of July, 2025



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SELECT BOARD