City of Sumter

South Carolina

Proclamation

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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WHEREAS, the original Purple Heart, known as the Badge of Military Merit, is an American decoration, the oldest military decoration in the world in present use; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart was established by General George Washington at Newburgh, New York on August 7, 1782, during the Revolutionary War, as the first award to recognize the common soldier for outstanding valor or merit; and

WHEREAS, following nearly 150 years of disuse, the Purple Heart was re-established by President Herbert Hoover in February of 1932; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is awarded to members of the U.S. Armed Forces who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy, and posthumously awarded to the next of kin in the name of those who were killed in action or who die from wounds received in action; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 1.7 million Purple Heart recipients in our nation's history who have been wounded in combat while defending our great Nation against enemies – some bearing their battle wounds for life, and others who have made the supreme sacrifice of giving their lives for their country; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sumter is honored to recognize all military members who have or are currently serving from the Sumter community, and is proud to proclaim this week as a special tribute to those brave service members who have received the Purple Heart.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Joseph T. McElveen, Jr., Mayor of the City of Sumter, South Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of ***August 5 – 9, 2013 as:***

"PURPLE HEART WEEK"

in the

CITY OF SUMTER

and hereby urged the citizens of this community to join me in observing this special week and in saluting the courage and sacrifice of our combat-wounded veterans.

Joseph T. McElveen, Jr., Mayor

Linda D. Hammett, City Clerk