

# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING  
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
A PURPLE HEART COUNTY**

*WHEREAS, the Purple Heart Medal is awarded to living members of the armed forces of the United States who are wounded in war at the hands of the enemy and is awarded posthumously to those who are killed in action or die of wounds received in action; and*

*WHEREAS, by proclaiming Santa Barbara a Purple Heart County, our community recognizes the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women from Santa Barbara County who have served in the Armed Forces and their role in protecting our Country, which includes many veterans who have received the Purple Heart as a result of being wounded or killed while in combat; and*

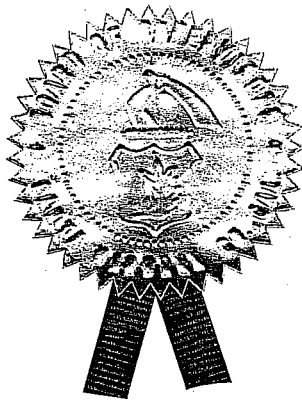
*WHEREAS, chartered by Congress, The Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) is a veterans' service organization formed in 1932 for the protection and mutual interest of all who have received this military decoration. The MOPH is composed exclusively of Purple Heart recipients and it is comprised strictly of combat veterans; and*

*WHEREAS, the mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart is to foster an environment of goodwill and camaraderie among combat wounded veterans, promote patriotism, support necessary legislative initiatives, and most importantly, provide services to all veterans and their families; and*

*WHEREAS, November 11<sup>th</sup> is Veteran's Day which is a time for all residents of Santa Barbara County to express their gratitude and appreciate for all the men and women who have honorably served our country and our community in the Armed Forces;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors proclaims Santa Barbara County a "Purple Heart County" in honor of the service and sacrifice of the men and women of the Armed Forces who were wounded or killed while protecting the freedoms we all enjoy.*

*Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2012 by unanimous vote of all members present.*



ATTEST:

*Chandra Walker*  
Clerk of the Board

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Supervisor - 1st District

*Joan Wray*  
Supervisor - 2nd District

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Supervisor - 3rd District

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Supervisor - 4th District

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Supervisor - 5th District