

## Resolution 2014-01

**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

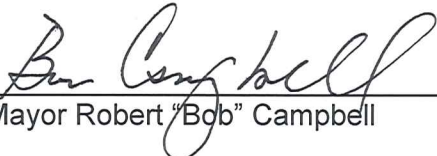
**WHEREAS**, the Purple Heart is the first American service award or decoration made available to the common soldier and is specifically awarded to any member of the United States Armed Services wounded or killed in combat with a declared enemy of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, chartered by an Act of Congress, 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**, City of DeFuniak Springs recognizes the commitment and increasing sacrifices military families, especially Gold Star and Blue Star families, are making and has pledged through its Military Community Covenant to support those who serve and through which we build strong communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the City of DeFuniak Springs council members hereby declares January 2014 to be Military Purple Heart Month in Walton County, Florida.

**DULY ADOPTED** this 13th day of January, 2014.

  
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Mayor Robert "Bob" Campbell

ATTEST:

  
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Loretta A. Laird, City Clerk