

*A Proclamation*

**THANKING THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART  
FOR HONORING  
THE CYPRESS OF RALEIGH AS A PURPLE HEART  
CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY**

The Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in present use and was initially created as the Badge of Military Merit by George Washington in 1782; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purple Heart was 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 necessary legislative initiatives and most importantly make sure we never forget; and

**WHEREAS**, The Cypress of Raleigh and the Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive are working to keep the memory of our greatest Generation, our WWII Veterans and the Men and Women on the Home Front who sacrificed so much; and

**WHEREAS**, there are combat wounded veterans who reside at the Cypress of Raleigh, recognizing the commitment of these veterans and military families; and

**WHEREAS**, The Cypress of Raleigh pledges to support those who serve their Nation through which together, we build strong communities; there have been many Charlotte Natives who made the ultimate sacrifice in giving their lives in the cause of Freedom

**NOW, THEREFORE, I** \_\_\_\_\_ hereby proudly proclaim our honor to be recognized as **A PURPLE HEART CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

*This the* \_\_\_\_\_ *day of* \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_\_



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