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JACKSON COUNTY

Proclamation

TO THE PEOPLE OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Jackson County in the State of Kansas has always supported its military veteran population; and

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 was the first American service award or decoration made available to the common soldier and is specifically awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces who have been wounded or paid the ultimate sacrifice in combat with a declared enemy of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart is to foster an environment of goodwill among the combat-wounded veteran members and their families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiative, and most importantly – make sure we never forget; and

WHEREAS, the County appreciates the sacrifices our Purple Heart recipients made in defending our freedoms and believe it is important that we acknowledge them for their courage and show them the honor and support they have earned; and

NOW THEREFORE, we, William Elmer, Chairman; Ed Kathrens and Janet Zwonitzer, as the Jackson County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the County of Jackson as:

A PURPLE HEART COUNTY

and encourage the citizens of Jackson County to show their appreciation for the sacrifices that the Purple Heart recipients have made in defending our freedoms, to acknowledge their courage, and to show them the honor and support they have earned.

SIGNED this 21st day of April, 2014, in Jackson County, Kansas.



William Elmer
William Elmer, Chairman

Ed Kathrens
Ed Kathrens, Member

Janet Zwonitzer
Janet Zwonitzer, Member

ATTEST:

Kathy Mick
Kathy Mick, County Clerk

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