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PROCLAMATION

Hunt County, Texas
A PURPLE HEART COUNTY

at N:30 o'clock M

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JENNIFER LINDENZWEIG County Clerk, Hunt County, TX

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Hunt, have great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served their country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, 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 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 contributions and sacrifices of the men and women from Hunt County, Texas who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, many men and women in uniform have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, many citizens of our community have earned the Purple Heart Medal as a result of being wounded while engaged in combat with an enemy force, construed as a singularly meritorious act of essential service; and

WHEREAS, August 22, 2017 has officially been designated as the day in Hunt County, Texas to remember and recognize veterans who are recipients of the Purple Heart Medal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioner's Court of Hunt County herby proclaims Hunt County, Texas as a **Purple Heart County**, for honoring the service and sacrifice of our nation's men and women in uniform wounded or killed by the enemy while serving to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans.

Passed this 22nd day of August, 2017.

John L. Horn Hunt County Judge

Attest:

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Hunt County Clerk

