

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME - GREETINGS

WHEREAS: The Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration presently in use: and

WHEREAS: The Purple Heart was the first American service award or decoration to be made available to all members of the military 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: Throughout the years numerous citizens of Cleburne County have honorably made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives for the cause and protection of freedom; and

WHEREAS: Cleburne County is the resting place or home to many combat wounded veterans who have enriched and contributed to our communities in countless ways; and

WHEREAS: The Military Order of the Purple Heart, chartered by an act of Congress, is dedicated to fostering an environment of good will amongst combat wounded veterans and their families, promoting patriotism, advocacy for combat wounded veterans and ensuring that their acts of valor are never forgotten; and

WHEREAS: The County of Cleburne is eternally grateful for the sacrifice our Purple Heart recipients have made defending our freedoms and acknowledges them for their courage in the lines of duty; and

WHEREAS: Cleburne County takes great pride in pledging its support to the military Order of the Purple Heart and for those who put their lives at risk in the service of our great nation and fellow citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Jerry Holmes, Judge of Cleburne County, Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of Cleburne County, Arkansas, do hereby proclaim that Cleburne County is a

PURPLE HEART COUNTY

Across Cleburne County, I urge all our fellow citizens to join us in promoting patriotism, caring for our combat wounded veterans and honoring all Purple Heart Recipients for their sacrifice and bravery.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hands and proclaimed Cleburne County as a Purple Heart County.


The Honorable Jerry Holmes
Judge of the County of Cleburne