

**Proclamation**  
**State of South Carolina**  
**County of Clarendon**

**Purple Heart County**

**WHEREAS**, the Purple Heart is the oldest 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 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, promoted patriotism, support legislative initiatives and most importantly, make sure we never forget; and

**WHEREAS**, Clarendon County has had many residents make the ultimate sacrifice in armed conflict since 1800 and has a large number of residents who have been awarded the Military Order of the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat; and

**WHEREAS**, Clarendon County has a large population of highly decorated military members both active and retired living in its communities, and Clarendon County recognizes the commitment and increasing sacrifice military families are making each day.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, I Dwight L. Stewart, Jr., Chairman of Clarendon County Council, do hereby proclaim Clarendon County as a Purple Heart County.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have hereunto set the Seal of Clarendon County to be Affixed this 8th Day of December 2014.



**CLARENDON COUNTY COUNCIL**

Chairman: Dwight L. Stewart, Jr.

Attest: Dorothy M. Levy  
Clerk to Council