



PUBLIC INFORMATION

ITEM NO. 1.

DATE OF MEETING: March 17, 2014

REQUESTED BY: Donald Clinger, Military Order of the Purple Heart

SHORT TITLE: Proclamation by the Pender County Board of Commissioners and Presentation to Members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart: Declare Pender County as a Purple Heart County.

BACKGROUND: The proclamation has been requested to be approved and presented by Donald Clinger of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Beirut Memorial Chapter #642. Other North Carolina counties have approved proclamations to become Purple Heart Counties.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED: To consider a proclamation to declare Pender County as a Purple Heart County in the State of North Carolina.

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

Respectfully recommend approval.



Initial

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Pender County Board of Commissioners that:

the attached proclamation to declare Pender County as a Purple Heart County in the State of North Carolina is hereby approved. The Chairman/ County Manager is authorized to execute any/all documents necessary to implement this resolution.

AMENDMENTS:

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____

APPROVED _____ DENIED _____ UNANIMOUS

YEA VOTES: Brown ___ McCoy ___ Tate ___ Ward ___ Williams ___

J. David Williams, Chairman 3/17/14
Date

ATTEST 3/17/14
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**PROCLAMATION BY THE PENDER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DECLARING PENDER COUNTY AS A 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 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 legislative initiatives and most importantly ---make sure we never forget; and

WHEREAS, Pender County residents have been engaged in every war against a declared enemy fought by the United States, including the war for the nation's independence; and

WHEREAS, Pender County recognizes the commitment and increasing sacrifices required of military families; and

WHEREAS, Pender County pledges its ongoing commitment to and support for the men and women who so honorably serve our nation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Pender County Board of Commissioners hereby declares:

Pender County as a Purple Heart County in the State of North Carolina.

Adopted this 17th day of March, 2014.

J. David Williams, Chairman

ATTEST:

Michael N. "Mickey" Duvall, Clerk to the Board