



# Proclamation

## PURPLE HEART CITY

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 initiatives, and most importantly **Make Sure We Never Forget**"; and

WHEREAS, we appreciate 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

WHEREAS, we wish to pledge our strong support to the Military Order of the Purple Heart and to those who put their lives at risk in the service of their Country and their fellow citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pete Rust, Mayor of the City of Green River, do hereby recognize the City of Green River as a **PURPLE HEART CITY** and encourage the citizens of the City of Green River to appreciate the Purple Heart recipients for their sacrifices, acknowledge them for their courage, and show them the honor and support they have earned.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 5<sup>th</sup> of July 2023.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pete Rust".

Pete Rust, Mayor