



# *Proclamation*

*On a motion from Councilor H. G. (Butch) Kirven, Jr.  
Members of Greenville County Council proclaim Greenville County as a*

## **PURPLE HEART COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the Purple Heart, created by General George Washington in 1782, is the first service award made available to the common soldier, and is specifically awarded to any member of the United States Armed Services wounded or killed in conflict with a declared enemy; and

**WHEREAS**, the stated mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart is to foster an environment of goodwill and camaraderie among combat wounded veterans, promote patriotism, support necessary legislative initiatives, and most importantly, provide service to all veterans and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that since its creation more than 2 million service men and women have received a Purple Heart; and

**WHEREAS**, the Military Order of the Purple Heart Upstate Chapter (#845) is 90 members strong and is active in the community in many ways including helping to raise awareness of qualified veterans of the benefits of the purple heart, and supporting Greenville County's new VA clinic;

**NOW THEREFORE**, Greenville County Council does unanimously, and with great pride, declare Greenville County to be a **Purple Heart County**, and we recognize those outstanding citizens of the County who for more than 230 years have served our nation in its times of need. To the recipients of the Purple Heart and their families, we say "thank you," and affirm that the legacy of these heroes is forever honored and appreciated by this Council and the citizens of Greenville County.

Signed on this 20th day of August 2013

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Honorable Bob Taylor, Chairman  
Greenville County Council

