

*Burrillville Town Council  
Proclamation*

Whereas, the Town of Burrillville, Providence County, Rhode Island has always supported its military veteran population; and

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 that we never forget; and

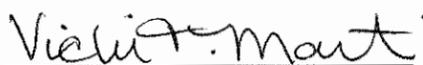
Whereas, the State of Rhode Island has a large highly decorated veteran population including many Purple Heart recipients; and

Whereas, Burrillville appreciates the sacrifices our Purple Heart recipients make in defending our freedoms and believe it is important that we acknowledge them for their courage and show them the honor and support that they have earned; and

Now therefore the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville does hereby proclaim the Town of Burrillville as a PURPLE HEART TOWN.

Adopted as a resolution this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 2019.

  
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John F. Pacheco III, President  
Burrillville Town Council

Attest:   
Vicki T. Martin  
Burrillville Deputy Town Clerk

