

**A PROCLAMATION DECLARING TELLER COUNTY, COLORADO  
A PURPLE HEART COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in present use and was 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 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 to make sure we never forget; and

**WHEREAS**, Teller County has a large, highly decorated veteran population including many Purple Heart recipients and the people of Teller County have always supported our military veteran population; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board appreciates 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**, the Board desires that Teller County be part of the National Purple Heart Trail, a symbolic network of highways, bridges and other monuments that display signs to commend veterans who have been awarded the Purple Heart Medal and to serve as a visual reminder to drivers using the roads that others have paid a high price for their freedom to travel and live in a free society; and

**WHEREAS**, in connection with this Proclamation, the Board hereby directs Teller County Public Works to install Purple Heart County signs on designated roads and highways in Teller County.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Teller County, Colorado, that Teller County is a Purple Heart County. In doing so, the Board encourages the citizens of Teller County to show their respect, admiration and gratitude for the sacrifices Purple Heart recipients have made in defending our freedoms, to acknowledge their courage, and to show them the honor and support they have earned.

**Adopted at a regular meeting of the Teller County Board Of County Commissioners, this 9th day of November 2023 in Cripple Creek, Colorado.**

  
Erik Stone  
Chairman

  
Robert Campbell  
Vice-Chair

  
Dan Williams  
Commissioner

