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Wichita Falls Council to Consider Becoming a Purple Heart Community

Wichita Falls, Texas- The Wichita Falls City Council will be presented with an opportunity to pass a resolution to establish Wichita Falls as a Purple Heart Community at 8:30 am on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, in the Hayley Eye Clinic Seminar Room at the MPEC, 1000 5th Street in Wichita Falls.

The Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in current use and is awarded to service members who have been wounded or killed in combat while serving in the United States military. General George Washington established the Badge of Military Merit, which is the origin of the Purple Heart, on August 7, 1782. The award was almost forgotten after the Revolutionary War but was revived in 1932. The award was further modified in 1944 to honor those who were wounded or lost their lives in the line of duty.

The purpose and meaning of a city being designated a Purple Heart Community is to honor and remember military personnel wounded or killed in combat with hostile forces. There are over 900 communities nationwide that are designated a Purple Heart City, with approximately 150 cities/counties in Texas participating in the program.

The Mayor and City Councilors will be given a presentation from retired Marine Master Gunnery Sergeant Ismael Sagredo at the City Council meeting. Veterans groups and any military-based groups are invited to the meeting to learn more.

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