



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the people of the City of Coppell, Texas have great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served their country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in present use and was initially created as the Badge of Military Merit by 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 contributions and sacrifices of the men and women from the city of Coppell, Texas who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, many men and women in uniform have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, many citizens of our community have earned the Purple Heart Medal as a result of being wounded while engaged in combat with an enemy force, construed as a singularly meritorious act of essential service; and

**WHEREAS**, January 9, 2018 has officially been designated as the day in Coppell, Texas to remember and recognize veterans who are recipients of the Purple Heart Medal.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Karen Selbo Hunt, Mayor of the City of Coppell, Dallas County, Texas, hereby proclaim Coppell, Texas a

## PURPLE HEART CITY

for honoring the service and sacrifice of our nation's men and women in uniform wounded or killed by the enemy while serving to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Coppell to be affixed this 9th day of January 2018.

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Karen Selbo Hunt, Mayor

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Christel Pettinos, City Secretary