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**CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-103**

**INTRODUCED BY:**

Mayor Javier M. Gonzales                      Councilor Patti Bushee  
Councilor Peter Ives                              Councilor Chris Rivera  
Councilor Ron Trujillo

**A RESOLUTION**

**DESIGNATING SANTA FE AS A PURPLE HEART CITY AS PART OF THE NATIONAL CAMPAIGN BY THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

**WHEREAS**, the Purple Heart is the oldest military medal currently being awarded by the United States Military Services, originating in 1782 by General George Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purple Heart was originally known as the Badge of Military merit, and was designed to recognize “instances of unusual Gallantry and Fidelity” by soldiers; and

**WHEREAS**, revival of the Purple Heart award occurred by Executive Order in 1932, at the direction of President Hoover and what was then the United States War Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the United States of America was formed in 1932, and subsequently chartered by Congress in 1958, and is composed of recipients of the Purple Heart Award for wounds suffered in combat; 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,

1 promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives, and most importantly make sure that  
2 Americans never forget to recognize the price that servicemen and women have paid for our  
3 nation's freedom; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Purple Heart is awarded to soldiers who are wounded or killed at the  
5 hands of the enemy while in combat and serving as a member of the United States Military; and

6 **WHEREAS**, there are over 1000 Purple Heart cities and counties throughout the United  
7 States; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe and surrounding areas has a large concentration of  
9 highly decorated military veterans and Purple Heart recipients; and

10 **WHEREAS**, residents of the City of Santa Fe have the utmost respect and gratitude to  
11 the men and women who have served their community and country selflessly through dedicated  
12 service in the Armed Forces.

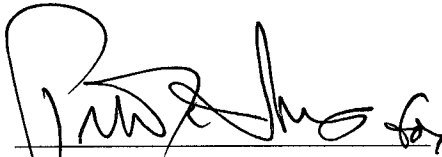
13 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**  
14 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the City of Santa Fe is hereby designated a Purple Heart City as part  
15 of the national campaign by the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the United States of  
16 America.

17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the citizens of the City of Santa Fe are  
18 encouraged to show their appreciation for the courage and sacrifices made by Purple Heart  
19 recipients in defending our freedoms, and to show them the honor, respect and support they have  
20 earned through their service in the Armed Services.

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the City of Santa Fe shall work with  
22 appropriate State and County agencies to place signage at the entrances to, and other fitting  
23 locations around, the City designating the City of Santa Fe as a Purple Heart City.

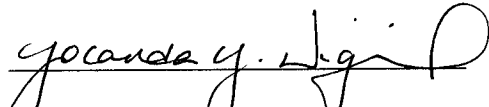
24 PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015.

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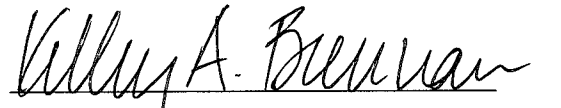
  
JAVIER M. GONZALES, MAYOR

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ATTEST:

  
YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
KELLEY A. BRENNAN, CITY ATTORNEY