



**Proclamation Declaring Habersham County, Georgia as a Purple Heart County  
and Designating August 7th as Purple Heart Day in Habersham County**

**WHEREAS**, the people of Habersham County, Georgia 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 still awarded to United States military members, originally established by General George Washington on August 7, 1782, as the Badge of Military Merit and later revived in 1932 as the Purple Heart to honor those wounded or killed in combat; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the President of the United States to members of the Armed Forces who have been wounded or killed in action against an enemy of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, many residents of Habersham County have been recipients of the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat, paying the high price of freedom while demonstrating immense courage and sacrifice; and

**WHEREAS**, Habersham County seeks to recognize and honor all local veterans who have received the Purple Heart and to pledge support and gratitude for their bravery and service to our nation;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it proclaimed that the Board of Commissioners of Habersham County, Georgia, hereby designates Habersham County as a **Purple Heart County**, honoring and recognizing all Purple Heart recipients and reaffirming our community's deep respect and appreciation for the sacrifices of our veterans;

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED**, that **August 7th of each year shall be observed as Purple Heart Day** in Habersham County, in tribute to the men and women who have been wounded or killed in service to our country and to promote awareness and appreciation for the sacrifices made by our nation's heroes.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the official seal of Habersham County to be affixed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2025.

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Jimmy Tench, Commission Chairman

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Brandalin Carnes, County Clerk