

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

IN THE MATTER OF:

RESOLUTION NO. 19-324

DESIGNATING LEWIS COUNTY A PURPLE HEART
COUNTY AND IN DOING SO, HONOR ALL THOSE
WHO HAVE SACRIFICED FOR THEIR COUNTRY

WHEREAS, Lewis County has a long history of men and women, veterans all, who have paid the highest price for freedom by leaving their families, friends, and communities and placing themselves in harm's way to help secure liberty for all of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of our men and women who serve and have served in the Armed Forces is the rallying cry that makes this Country the greatest on earth; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart medal is the oldest US military decoration, dating back to 1780 when General George Washington created the medal as the Badge of Merit; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart medal is presented to those members of the armed services who are killed in action or wounded in combat; and

WHEREAS, since the commencement of World War II, the Purple Heart medal has been presented to more than 500,000 members of the armed services who have been killed in action, and presented to almost 1,000,000 men and women wounded in combat; and

WHEREAS, many of those killed in action or wounded in combat are or were residents of Lewis County who served their Country with honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Lewis County has many active duty military residents and veterans in our community, including several Purple Heart recipients and residents who were killed in action; and

WHEREAS, Lewis County reveres and appreciates the sacrifices that have been made and continue to be made to defend our freedoms and we believe it is important to acknowledge the courage of our men and women who serve and have served in the Armed Forces and honor them.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Lewis County Board of County Commissioners declares Lewis County a Purple Heart County from this day forward.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION this 4th day of November, 2019.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Jonathan Meyer, Prosecuting Attorney

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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By: Kevin McDowell,
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Robert C. Jackson, Chair

ATTEST:



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Gary Stamper, Vice Chair

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Rieva Lester,
Clerk of the Lewis County Board of
County Commissioners

Edna J. Fund, Commissioner