

*WHEREAS, The Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration still in use, having been initially created by George Washington in 1782 as the Badge of Military Merit; and*

*WHEREAS, The Purple Heart was the first American Service Award made available to honorable soldiers of the United States Armed Forces wounded or killed in combat while protecting our freedoms from the declared enemies of the United States; and*

*WHEREAS, The Military Order of the Purple Heart was chartered by an act of Congress to foster an environment of goodwill among combat-wounded veterans and their families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives, and to make sure we never forget the sacrifices made by those so decorated; and*

*WHEREAS, Many Brea residents have paid the ultimate price for our freedoms, and there are many combat-wounded veterans currently living in the City who contribute immeasurably to our community;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, BRETT MURDOCK, Mayor of the City of Brea, on behalf of the Brea City Council, do hereby declare the City of Brea to be a “Purple Heart City” and further declare March to be “Purple Heart Month” in the City of Brea.*

*DATED: March 18, 2014*

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*Brett Murdock, Mayor*

*ATTEST:*

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*Cheryl Balz, City Clerk*