

An American flag is draped diagonally across the left side of the image. In the bottom left corner, a Purple Heart medal is visible, featuring a gold border, a purple center, and a gold outline of the state of Kansas. The background is a light-colored wood grain.

CITY OF



**PURPLE HEART CITY
PROCLAMATION
&
RECOGNITION OF
PURPLE HEART
RECIPIENTS**

November 14th, 2023

**City Hall
133 W. 8th Street
Russell, Kansas**

The Purple Heart medal is presented to U.S. military service members wounded or killed by enemy fire. It was originally awarded by George Washington in 1782 to recognize meritorious service in combat. It is the nation's oldest and one of the most distinguished military awards.

The Russell community is home to many veterans and families, including Purple Heart recipients and Gold Star families. The City of Russell has a long history of supporting military personnel and veterans. The Purple Heart Proclamation is an official expression of Russell's appreciation for the sacrifices and Purple Heart recipients that were made defending our freedoms.



PURPLE HEART

*EACH PURPLE HEART SHALL ALWAYS BE
A PART OF FREEDOM'S HISTORY*

*HOLD DEEP INSIDE A FERVENT PRIDE
FOR ALL WHO GAVE, THE BRAVE WHO DIED*

*THEY SHOWED THEIR BEST FOR LIBERTY
THEY STOOD FOR US WITH CERTAINTY*

*THEIR WOUND OF WAR, THEIR PURPLE HEART
EACH DARED TO CARE AND DO THEIR PART*

*SOME BORE A WOUND WHICH TOOK THEIR LIFE
WHILE OTHERS LIVED PAST WAR'S HONED KNIFE*

*TRUE PATRIOTS, THEY FACED THEIR CALL
TO KEEP OUR NATION STRONG FOR ALL*

*DEEP SCARS OF WAR ARE CARRIED BY
THOSE WHO RETURN, AND THOSE WHO CRY*

*PRAY FOR THE BRAVE, THEIR LOVED ONES TOO
THANK GOD FOR HEROES - ALL OF YOU*

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