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To declare August 6 through August 12 to be Purple Heart Week in Columbus, Ohio.

WHEREAS, On August 7, 1782 General Georg Washington established the Honorary Badge of Distinction/Badge of Military Merit, which would later be referred to as the Purple Heart ; and

WHEREAS, The Purple Heart was the first military distinction reserved for low-ranking soldiers. Military honors up to this point in history had been reserved for officers and nobility; and

WHEREAS, After the Revolutionary War, the Purple Heart fell into disuse until it was revived by President Herbert Hoover to honor the men and women serving in WWII; and

WHEREAS, In 1982, President Ronald Regan proclaimed the first week of August be recognized as Purple Heart Week to recognize the men and women of the United States Military, whom have received that distinction; and

WHEREAS, In 2017, Columbus will recognize the Merchant Marines for their distinguished service to their country; and

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

That this Council does hereby declare August 6-12, 2017 as Purple Heart Week in the City of Columbus and expresses its gratitude to the women and men of the United States Military who have sacrificed to uphold the values and integrity of the United States of America.