



City of New Bedford

Mayor
Jon Mitchell

OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION

- Whereas:** *The City of New Bedford in the State of Massachusetts has always supported its military veteran population who selflessly served their country and this community in the Armed Forces;*
- Whereas:** *Veterans have paid the high price of freedom by leaving their loved ones and communities and placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all;*
- Whereas:** *The mission of the Purple Heart is to foster an environment of goodwill among combat –wounded veteran members and their families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives, and most importantly-make sure we never forget;*
- Whereas:** *Many citizens of our community have earned the Purple Heart Medal as a result of being wounded while engaged in combat;*
- Whereas:** *New Bedford appreciates and is grateful for the sacrifice our Purple Heart recipients made in defending our freedoms and believe it is important we acknowledge them for their courage and show them the honor and support they have earned.*

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Jon Mitchell, Mayor of the City of New Bedford, do hereby proclaim August 7, 2015 as

PURPLE HEART DAY

and encourage all residents of the City of New Bedford to show their appreciation for the sacrifice that the Purple Heart recipients have made to protect the freedom enjoyed by all Americans.

Given this day, August 7, 2015

Jon Mitchell
Mayor