

Town of Winchendon

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RESOLUTION DESIGNATING WINCHENDON, MASSACHUSETTS A PURPLE HEART TOWN

WHEREAS, the people of the Town of Winchendon have great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served their country and the community in the Armed Forces, and

WHEREAS, veterans have paid a high price of freedom by leaving their families and communities and placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all, and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women from Winchendon who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedom and way of life enjoyed by our citizens, and

WHEREAS, many men and women in uniform have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces, and

WHEREAS, our community has a proud tradition of military service and many of our citizens have earned the Purple Heart Medal as a result of being wounded while engaged in combat with an enemy force, construed a singularly meritorious act of essential service, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen hereby proclaims Winchendon, Massachusetts as a "Purple Heart Town" and every August 7th of each year as "Purple Heart Day" honoring the service and sacrifice of our nation's men and women in uniform that were wounded or killed by the enemy while serving to protect the freedom enjoyed by all Americans.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the Town of Winchendon in the State of Massachusetts this 28th day of October in the year 2013.

Robert M. O'Keefe, Chairman

Elizabeth Hunt, Vice Chairwoman

C. Jackson Blair, Selectman

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Fedor Berndt, Selectman