



City of Long Beach
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Memorandum
Councilmember Roberto Uranga
Seventh District

Date: May 19, 2015

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Roberto Uranga, Seventh District (PU)
Vice Mayor Suja Lowenthal, Second District
Councilwoman Suzie Price, Third District SP

Subject: Proclaiming the City of Long Beach a "Purple Heart City"

RECOMMENDATION:

Request the City Attorney to draft a resolution in support of Proclaiming Long Beach a "Purple Heart City."

BACKGROUND:

Chartered by Congress in 1958, the Military Order of the Purple Heart is composed of military men and women who received the Purple Heart Medal for wounds suffered in combat. Although membership is restricted to those wounded in combat, the organization supports all veterans and their families through nation-wide programs organized by Chapters and National Service Officers.

On April 12, 2012, the State of California became the first state to designate itself a "Purple Heart State", in recognition of the sacrifices of California veterans, especially those who were wounded or killed in the line of duty. The City of Long Beach is home to more than 21,000 veterans, and is one of the largest veteran populations in the State of California.

We have received a request from the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Long Beach Chapter 210, a nationally chartered nonprofit that works in helping combat wounded veterans to proclaim Long Beach a "Purple Heart City."

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact.

ATTACHMENTS: Proposed Resolution Language

ATTACHMENT A- PROPOSED RESOLUTION LANGUAGE

WHEREAS, the people of the City of Long Beach have great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served their country and this community in the armed forces.

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in present use and was initially created as the Badge of Military Merit by General George Washington in 1782; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart was the first American service award or decoration made available to the common soldier and is specifically awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces who have been wounded or paid the ultimate sacrifice for in combat with a declared enemy of the United States of America, and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart is to foster an environment of goodwill among the combat-wounded veteran members and their families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives, and most importantly-make sure we never forget, and

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach is home to more than 21,000 Veterans, and

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach is home to hundreds of recipients of the Purple Heart Medal, and

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach and its citizens wish to honor and thank out veterans who have been wounded or killed in the line of duty for the selfless sacrifice to the United States of America and the City of Long Beach

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Long Beach do hereby proclaim Long Beach to be a "Purple Heart City."



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REQUEST TO ADD AGENDA ITEM

Date: *May 14, 2015*

To: Poonam Davis, City Clerk

From: Councilmember Roberto Uranga, Seventh District

Subject: Request to Add Agenda Item to Council Agenda of May 19, 2015

Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.03.070 [B], the City Councilmembers signing below request that the attached agenda item be placed on the City Council agenda under New Business via the supplemental agenda.

The agenda title/recommendation for this item reads as follows:

Proclaiming the City of Long Beach a "Purple Heart City."

Council District	Authorizing Councilmember	Signed by
7	Roberto Uranga	<i>Roberto Uranga</i>
2	Suja Lowenthal	<i>Suja Lowenthal</i>
3	Suzie Price	<i>Suzie Price</i>