



















THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
HAS AWARDED THE

PURPLE HEART

ESTABLISHED BY GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON AT NEWBURGH, NEW YORK, AUGUST 7, 1782 TO

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS THOMAS M. HAYNES AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

FOR WOUNDS RECEIVED

IN ACTION

ON 18 OCTOBER 1918, IN FRANCE GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON

THIS 1ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2016

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

Per Permanent Order 245-05, 1 September 2016 U.S. Army Human Resources Command Fort Knox, Kentucky 40122-5408

SECRETARY ON THE ARMY

PROCLAMATION

Memorial Day 2017

Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, throughout our Nation's history, brave Americans have worn our country's uniform to defend our freedom and uphold our values, often far from home and in the face of grave danger; and

WHEREAS, Americans have observed Memorial Day since May 1868 to honor the sacrifices of the brave men and women who gave their lives in defense of our great nation; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day represents one day of national awareness and reverence, honoring those Americans who died while defending our Nation and its values. While we should honor these heroes every day for the profound contribution they have made to securing our Nation's freedom, we should honor them especially on Memorial Day; and

WHEREAS, defending the ideals of our Nation has required sacrifice of those from every generation, and such devotion cost them their lives but secured for us priceless freedom, peace, and security; and

WHEREAS, it is our solemn duty as American citizens to remember and honor the brave men and women who have made the supreme sacrifice for the cause of freedom and the security of our nation. By honoring the proud Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen who were lost throughout our country's history, we renew our commitment to upholding the democratic ideals they fought for and died to preserve; and

WHEREAS, the noble sacrifices of these service men and women will not be forgotten. Every life is a loss to their loved ones, to our military and to our Nation. Americans stand with families who grieve, and we share in their great sorrow and great pride:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Stephen A. Yokeley, Commissioner of the City of Mount Airy, do hereby proclaim Monday, May 29, 2017 as "MEMORIAL DAY" in the City of Mount Airy and urge all citizens to pause on this special day of remembrance and honor all of our fallen soldiers, their commitment to our country, and their legacy of patriotism and sacrifice. By giving their lives in the cause of freedom in this great country, the United States of America, these heroes protected and inspired all Americans.

In witness whereof, I have hereto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Mount Airy to be affixed on this the 29th day of May, 2017.

Stephen A. Yokeley, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Melissa N. Brame, City Clerk