



**Military Order of the Purple Heart  
Department of Texas**

**PROCLAMATION**

**University of North Texas of Denton, Texas**

**WHEREAS**, the people of the University of North Texas 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in present use and was initially created as the Badge of Military Merit by 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 in combat with a declared enemy of the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women from the University of North Texas, who have served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms 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**, May 3, 2018 has officially been designated as the day in University of North Texas to remember and recognize veterans who are recipients of the Purple Heart Medal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Jon Lunkwicz, Commander of the Department of Texas Military Order of the Purple Heart, do hereby proclaim the University of North Texas

**A PURPLE HEART UNIVERSITY**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand on this the 3rd day of May 2018.

  
Jon Lunkwicz, Commander