



**PROCLAMATION
FROM THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF COWETA, OKLAHOMA**

WHEREAS, first created as the Badge of Military merit by George Washington in 1782, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration presently in use, and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart was the first American service award or decoration made available to the common soldier and is specifically awarded to any member of the United States Armed Services wounded or killed in combat with a declared enemy of the United States, and

WHEREAS, many former residents of Coweta have made the ultimate sacrifice in giving their lives in the cause of freedom, and numerous combat-wounded veterans currently reside within this City and contribute to this community in countless ways, and

WHEREAS, chartered by an act of Congress, the mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart is to foster an environment of good will among the combat wounded veteran members and their families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives and most important, make sure we never forget, and

WHEREAS, we appreciate the sacrifices our Purple Heart recipients have made in defending our freedoms and believe it is important that we acknowledge them for their courage and show them the support they have earned, and

WHEREAS, the City of Coweta wishes to pledge its strong support to the Military Order of the Purple Heart and for those who put their lives at risk in service of their Country and their fellow citizens.

THEREFORE, the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma do hereby proclaim Coweta to be a:

“PURPLE HEART CITY”

Evette Morris, Mayor

ATTEST:

Julie Casteen, City Clerk