



STATE OF ARKANSAS

*City of Brookland*

**Purple Heart Proclamation**

*WHEREAS: The Purple Heart is the oldest 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 of 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: The mission of the Military Order of Purple Heart, chartered by an Act of Congress, 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 Brookland has a large population of highly decorated military members, active duty and retired, as well as Purple Heart recipients, living in the community; and*

*WHEREAS: The City of Brookland recognizes the commitment and increasing sacrifices military families are making; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kenneth D. Jones, mayor of the City of Brookland, Arkansas as a confirmation of our commitment to honor those who serve and have served to keep our country free, proclaim Brookland, Arkansas as a*

**PURPLE HEART CITY**

*IN TESTIMONY, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of Brookland, Arkansas this 9th day of July in the year of our Lord 2018.*



*Kenneth D. Jones*  
Kenneth D. Jones, Mayor  
City of Brookland