

PROCLAMATION

(City/Town of), FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the City/Town of Cinco Bayou is located in Okaloosa County, Florida which is the First Purple Heart County in the State of Florida; and

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

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces that have been wounded or killed in combat with a declared enemy of the United States of America; and

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

WHEREAS, the City/Town of Cinco Bayou, and its surrounding communities is the home of Eglin Air Force Base (The Largest Air Force Base in the Free World), US Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field and Duke Field, and all components assigned, 7th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces (Airborne), 6th Ranger Battalion (Training), and the US Air Force Air Armament Museum which houses the State of Florida's Memorial Wall honoring ALL deceased Florida resident Purple Heart recipients since September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Okaloosa County, Florida has proclaimed the Month of January of each year as Military Purple Heart Month to honor and recognized those who have been killed or wounded in action and is so recognized by the City/Town of Cinco Bayou, Florida; and

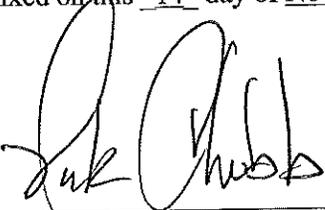
WHEREAS, The City/Town of Cinco Bayou and surrounding communities is home to over 1,000 veterans and active duty military who are recipients of the Purple Heart; and

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 we seek to honor, remember, and recognize those who are recipients of the Purple Heart and their families; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED and RESOLVED, that I, Mayor Pro Tem Nick Chubb on behalf of the City/Town Council of Cinco Bayou hereby proclaims that we are a Purple Heart City/Town and fully recognize and support our county, Okaloosa County, as the first **"Purple Heart County"** in the State of Florida.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this to be affixed on this 14 day of November, 2013.





Mayor Pro Tem Nick Chubb