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**University of Central Florida
Fifty-Sixth Student Body Senate
Proclamation 56-09**

[Proclamation Recognizing August 7th, 2024, as Purple Heart Day]

WHEREAS, Senate Rule 2.04(G)(1) states that the Student Body Advocacy (SBA) Committee shall pass measures advocating on behalf of the student body regarding student and university affairs at the University of Central Florida (UCF);
WHEREAS, Senate Rule 5.01(D)(1) states that Proclamations are defined as measures recognizing, celebrating, or condemning extraordinary events, organizations, or individuals on behalf of all Student Government Agents;
WHEREAS, the Purple Heart, established by General George Washington on August 7, 1782, during the American Revolutionary War, is the nation's oldest military award, initially known as the "Badge of Military Merit";
WHEREAS, this distinguished award was reintroduced on February 22, 1932, to commemorate the 200th anniversary of George Washington's birth, symbolizing extraordinary acts of bravery and great personal sacrifice in service to our nation;
WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is awarded in recognition of a service member's courage, meritorious service, and profound dedication to the values upon which the United States is built, including a singularly meritorious act of essential service or sustaining injuries from an act of the enemy;
WHEREAS, the University of Central Florida (UCF) proudly supports over 3,100 military and veteran students through comprehensive resources such as the Office of Military and Veteran Student Success and the Military and Veteran Success Center, significantly enhancing their academic and personal success;
WHEREAS, the University of Central Florida (UCF) continues to demonstrate exceptional commitment and service to its military and veteran students and has been honored with the Collegiate Purple Star Campus designation for the 2024-25 academic year by the State University System of Florida;
WHEREAS, UCF has been recognized nationally for its excellence in serving military and veteran students, ranking among the top universities for veterans according to U.S. News & World Report and College Consensus; and
WHEREAS, UCF hosts an annual Purple Heart Commemoration Ceremony in August, reaffirming its dedication to recognizing and honoring military personnel who have been wounded or paid the ultimate sacrifice in combat.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fifty-Sixth Student Senate of the University of Central Florida hereby recognizes and proclaims August 7th, 2024, as Purple Heart Day at UCF in honor of the brave men and women who have received the Purple Heart in recognition of their courage and sacrifice in the United States Armed Forces; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Proclamation be sent to Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities Jeffrey Moore, Director of the Military and Veteran Student Success Center Michael Kepner, President of the Student Veterans of America UCF Chapter Michael Richardson, President of the UCF Women's Veteran Association Alexandria Marcellus, Professor of Military Science/MSIV Instructor LTC Keith Williams, UCF AFROTC Detachment 159 Commander Colonel Phelemon T. Williams II, UCF PD, and Executive Director of UCF RESTORES Dr. Deborah Beidel.

AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES

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