

**The Select Board of the Town of  
Wilton, New Hampshire  
hereby proclaim**

**WHEREAS**, the people of the Town of Wilton 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 contributions and sacrifices of the residents of the Town of Wilton who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedom and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, citizens of our community have been wounded in action and killed in action while serving in the Armed Forces and have been awarded the Purple Heart for their sacrifice; and,

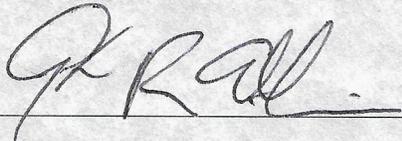
**WHEREAS**, the Purple Heart is the oldest American military decoration and was created as The Badge of Military Merit, made of purple cloth in the shape of a heart with the word "Merit" sewn upon it, on August 7, 1782 in Newburgh, New York by General George Washington; and,

**WHEREAS**, the heritage it represents is sacred to those who knew the price paid to wear the Purple Heart; and,

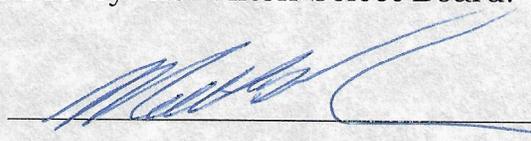
**WHEREAS**, August 7<sup>th</sup> is nationally recognized as Purple Heart Day;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, We, The Select Board of the Town of Wilton, New Hampshire will recognize August 7<sup>th</sup>, annually, as Purple Heart Day, and urge the people and organizations of Wilton to display the American Flag as well as other public expressions of recognition of our Purple Heart recipients.

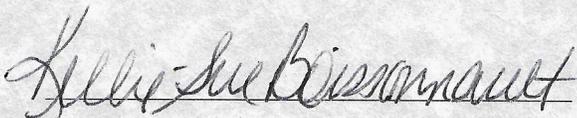
**PROCLAIMED** this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2019 by the Wilton Select Board.



*Chairman Kermit R. Williams*



*Selectman Matthew S. Fish*



*Selectwoman Kellie-Sue Boissonnault*