

## 2015-K1231

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Department of New York Military Order of the Purple Heart upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Convention from May 6-7, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations, and their volunteers, that are devoted to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Department of New York Military Order of the Purple Heart upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Convention from Friday, May 6, 2016, to Saturday, May 7, 2016, in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Military Order of the Purple Heart is comprised of military men and women who received the Purple Heart for wounds suffered at the hand of the enemy in combat; the valiant members of this vital organization live by the motto, "All Gave Some-Some Gave All"; and

WHEREAS, Although the membership is restricted to those wounded in combat, the Military Order of the Purple Heart supports all veterans and their families with a myriad of nation-wide programs offered by various Chapters and National Service Officers; and

WHEREAS, For the first time, the modern Purple Heart Medal was presented to World War I Veterans at the New Windsor Cantonment site in 1932; in that same year, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, an organization comprised of strictly combat veterans, was formed to protect the mutual interests of the recipients of the prestigious Purple Heart Medal; and

WHEREAS, To honor these meritorious soldiers, the New York State

Legislature passed a law in 1991, which designated Route 5 from Syracuse to Albany as the "Purple Heart Highway"; in addition, Chapter 360 of the Laws of 2011, allocated a portion of the Northern State Parkway in the counties of Nassau and Suffolk as the "Purple Heart Way"; and

WHEREAS, To further recognize these courageous men and women, the New York State Purple Heart Memorial, located on Madison Avenue in Albany, New York, was dedicated at a ceremony held on August 6, 2004; this Memorial honors New Yorkers who have been awarded the Purple Heart medal, the oldest military decoration in the world; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor in New Windsor, New York, was dedicated on November 10, 2006; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Department of New York Military Order of the Purple Heart upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Convention from May 6-7, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Matthew B. Tully, Esq. Department Commander for New York State Military Order of the Purple Heart and Scott Kyle, Commander Chapter 446 New York State Military Order of the Purple Heart.