

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-11-018**

**SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONERS JEROME MOON, GRADY CASKEY, AND  
TOM STINNETT**

**RESOLUTION NAMING U.S. HIGHWAY 321/LAMAR ALEXANDER PARKWAY  
FROM LOUDON COUNTY/BLOUNT COUNTY LINE NORTH TO BLOUNT  
COUNTY/SEVIER COUNTY LINE  
THE MILITARY ORDER PURPLE HEART HIGHWAY**

**WHEREAS**, the Purple Heart Trail is a symbolic and honorary system of roads, highways, bridges, and other monuments, and a part of the national road system, wherein signs have been placed designating locations approved by legislation that honors men and women who have been awarded the Purple Heart Medal and giving tribute to them by creating a visual reminder to all of those who use the road system, of the high price that has been paid for our freedoms; and

**WHEREAS**, over 11,000 Military Veterans live in Blount County and an innumerable amount of visitors from all of the nation traveling through Blount County use our roadways; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Blount County Board of Commissioners wish to designate a Military Order Purple Heart Highway in Blount County by participating in the Purple Heart Trail, thereby giving honor to members of the armed forces of the U.S. who have received the Purple Heart Medal, which represents the sacrifices made by those who were wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy, or were killed in action, or died of wounds received in action; and

**WHEREAS**, the Blount County Veterans Affairs Committee with representatives of: American Legion Post 13, DAV Chapter 76, Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts 10855 and 5154, Gold Star Mother, Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 1814, AMVET Post 22, and the Blount County Board of Commissioners, Mayor Ed Mitchell, Sheriff James L. Berrong and Highway Superintendent Jeff Headrick, desires to give recognition and pay tribute to Purple Heart Medal recipients by recommending Highway 321/Lamar Alexander Parkway North from Loudon County/Blount County Line North to Blount County/Sevier County Line, to be designated as The Military Order Purple Heart Highway.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Blount County Legislative Body in session assembled on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017, as follows:

1. That the aforementioned highway, Highway 321/Lamar Alexander Parkway North from Loudon County/Blount County Line North to Blount County/Sevier County Line in Blount County, Tennessee, be designated as The Military Order Purple Heart Highway.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Blount County Legislative Delegation to the Tennessee General Assembly in Nashville, Tennessee, to show support for this request.

Duly authorized and approved this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

**CERTIFICATION OF ACTION**

**ATTEST**

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Commission Chairman

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County Clerk

**Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vetoed:** \_\_\_\_\_

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County Mayor

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Date