

## RESOLUTION NO. 2025-

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEAUMONT, CALIFORNIA, ENDORSING THE LAUNCH AND PROMOTION OF A VOLUNTARY PILOT PURPLE HEART LICENSE PLATE PARKING HONOR PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Beaumont proudly honors the men and women who have selflessly served in the United States Armed Forces, many of whom have risked their lives in defense of our nation and our community; and

**WHEREAS**, designating parking spaces for Purple Heart license plate holders through a city ordinance would be a gesture of honor and respect for combat-wounded veterans but would come with a mix of business benefits and challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, broader economic, legal, and social impacts would affect small businesses differently than larger national chains and commercial centers with autonomies and influence of local businesses and economies faring worse inequities; and

**WHEREAS**, California law requires that parking facilities under the jurisdiction of a state agency with 25 or more spaces must designate at least one free, exclusive parking space for vehicles displaying a Purple Heart license plate and City-owned facilities reserve exclusive spaces with appropriate signage; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council supports the value of a voluntary, community-based initiative designed to recognize and honor combat-wounded veterans who have been awarded the Purple Heart in recognition of their sacrifice; and

**WHEREAS**, a pilot program reflects our shared values and promotes the City's precedented veteran recognition across the region.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEAUMONT AS FOLLOWS:**

- 1. The Council finds that the above recitals are true and correct and incorporates them herein by this reference.**
- 2. Pilot Program Launch.** The City Council hereby authorizes staff to engage community and veterans' organizations to encourage local business participation in a pilot program to designate parking spaces for vehicles displaying Purple Heart license plates.
- 3. Administrative Direction.** The City Manager, or designee, is authorized to take all necessary actions to implement this resolution, including providing public notices to inform residents and businesses of these partnerships and voluntary participation options and incentives.
- 4. Effective Date**

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**MOVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_2025.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mike Lara, Mayor, City of  
Beaumont

ATTEST:

Nicole  
Wheelwright  
DEPUTY  
CITY CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_