

The Legislature of Rockland County



PHILIP SOSKIN
LEGISLATOR - DISTRICT 7
CHAIR, MULTI-SERVICES COMMITTEE

AGENDA
MULTI-SERVICES COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2013
6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 5/13/13 MEETING

1. REF. #9341 - PROCLAIMING ROCKLAND COUNTY AS A PURPLE HEART COUNTY – HONORING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF OUR NATION'S MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM WOUNDED OR KILLED BY THE ENEMY WHILE SERVING TO PROTECT THE FREEDOMS ENJOYED BY ALL AMERICANS
(E. DAY, LEGISLATOR, COUNTY LEGISLATURE)
2. REF. #7099 - ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,975 RECEIVED TO HELP OFFSET COST OF THE 2012 CIVIL RIGHTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY LUNCHEON [COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS] (\$3,975)
(R. NAGUBANDI, COMMISSIONER, COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS)
3. REF. #9481 - DISCUSSION ITEM- DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONAL REVIEW DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (DSS)
(P. SOSKIN, LEGISLATOR, COUNTY LEGISLATURE)

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Introduced by:
Hon. Edwin J. Day, Sponsor

Referral No.
, 2013

RESOLUTION NO. OF 2013
PROCLAIMING ROCKLAND COUNTY AS A PURPLE HEART COUNTY -
HONORING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF OUR NATION'S MEN AND
WOMEN IN UNIFORM WOUNDED OR KILLED BY THE ENEMY WHILE
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WHEREAS, on August 7, 1782 at his headquarters in Newburgh, New York, Commander in Chief General George Washington established the Badge of Military Merit, the precursor to the modern day Purple Heart, for singular meritorious action; and

WHEREAS, 150 years later on February 22, 1932 General Douglas MacArthur's General Order Number Three created the modern day Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is awarded to any member of the United States Armed Services wounded or killed in combat with a declared enemy of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Rockland County is known for having the first four permanent WATCHFIRE sites in the Nation. Back in the 1700s watchfires were used to signal the ceasefire ending the Revolutionary War. Watchfires are still built today every Memorial Day along the Hudson River so the symbolism - keeping vigil by the WATCHFIRE for fallen brothers and sisters, the lost patrols that still have not returned, and the patrols of past wars - goes back to our country's first soldiers who fought along these very shores; and

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Rockland 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, veterans have paid the high price of freedom by leaving their families and communities and placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women from Rockland County who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, many men and women in uniform have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, many citizens of our community have earned the Purple Heart Medal as a result of being wounded or killed while engaged in combat with an enemy force, construed as a singularly meritorious act of essential service. Additionally, Rockland County has the distinction of having four Congressional Medal of Honor recipients; and

WHEREAS, it is intended that August 7th be designated by official proclamation as the day in Rockland County to remember and recognize veterans who are recipients of the Purple Heart Medal; and

WHEREAS, The _____ Committee has met, considered and by a vote, approved this resolution; now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Rockland County Legislature hereby proclaims Rockland County as a Purple Heart County, honoring the service and sacrifice of our Nation's men and women in uniform wounded or killed by the enemy while serving to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk to the Legislature be and he is hereby authorized and directed to send a copy of this resolution to Eric K. Shinseki, Secretary of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; Eric J. Hesse, Director of the New York State Division of Veteran Affairs; Jerry Donnellan, Director of the Rockland County Veterans Services Agency; and to such other persons as the Clerk, in his discretion, may deem proper in order to effectuate the purpose of this resolution.

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GENERAL FUND - 2013

Increase Approp. Acct. (Credit):

A-HRC-8040-E4090	Fees for Services, Non-Employee	3,975
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Increase Est. Rev. Acct. (Debit):

A-HRC-8040-R2770	Unclassified Revenue	3,975
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