

# *Proclamation*

A Proclamation of the Mayor and City Council  
of  
The City of Gautier, Mississippi

**WHEREAS**, the City of Gautier in the State of Mississippi and has always supported its military veteran population and

**WHEREAS**, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in present use and was initially created as the Badge of Military Merit by General George Washington in 1782; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purple Heart was the first American service award or decoration made available to the common soldier and is specifically awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces who have been wounded or killed in combat with a declared enemy of the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart is to foster an environment of goodwill among the combat-wounded veteran members and their families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives and most importantly - make sure we never forget; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Gautier has a large, highly- decorated veteran population including many Purple Heart recipients; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Gautier appreciates the sacrifices our Purple Heart recipients made in defending our freedoms and believe it is important that we acknowledge them for their courage and show them the honor and support they have earned.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Gordon Gollott, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gautier, do hereby proclaim the City of Gautier as

## **A PURPLE HEART CITY**

and encourage the citizens of the City of Gautier to show their appreciation for the sacrifices our Purple Heart recipients have made in defending our freedoms, to acknowledge their courage, and to show them the honor and support they have earned.

Dated this 5th day of August 2014

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Gordon Gollott, Mayor

**CITY OF GAUTIER  
MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Samantha Abell, City Manager  
**From:** Tonya Fowler, Gautier Police Crime Prevention Officer  
**Through:** Dante Elbin, City of Gautier Chief of Police  
**Date:** July 30, 2014  
**Subject:** Recognition of Gautier Police Explorers

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**REQUEST:**

The Gautier Police Department would like 3 Gautier Police Explorers to be recognized for their recent graduation from the Southeastern Law Enforcement Explorer Academy in June 2014.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Police Explorer program is a career oriented program for young men and women between the ages of 14 and 21. This group of Explorers spent one week in Gulfport going through what is best described as a “mini-boot camp” and Police Training Academy. In addition to an emphasis on physical training, the cadets are involved in classroom as well as hands-on training by professional Law Enforcement Officers.

The Gautier Police Explorers are active in our community working at public functions, assisting with neighborhood watch programs and working City Court.

**DISCUSSION:**

There will be a short video presentation taped throughout the week of the Academy showing elements of their experiences at the Academy.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

We would like to have a formal presentation of their graduation certificates to our Police Explorers.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Video CD  
Certificates