

Cornell University
University Assembly

U.A. Resolution # 6

Declaring Cornell University a Purple Heart Entity

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12 **Whereas,** The Purple Heart Trail was established in 1992 by the Military Order of the Purple
13 Heart,

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15 **Whereas,** January 1, 2022 New York State became a Purple Heart state and within the State 44
16 cities, 11 counties, 6 colleges and universities, and 4 routes already have this designation,
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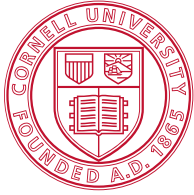
18 **Whereas,** Cornell University and our community have a great admiration and utmost gratitude
19 for all the people who have, and are, selflessly serving their country and this community
20 in the Armed Forces,

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22 **Whereas,** Cornell actively recruits veteran undergraduate and graduate students, hosts all ROTC
23 service branches, and employs over 400 veteran faculty and staff,
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25 **Whereas,** many servicemembers have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces;
26 including over 800 Cornellians,
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28 **Whereas,** members of our Cornell community have received the Purple Heart Medal, resulting
29 from injuries received in combat, wherein they provided a singularly meritorious act of
30 essential service to our country,
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32 **Whereas,** Cornell University seeks to remember and recognize veterans who are recipients of
33 the Purple Heart Medal,
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- 35 **Be it therefore resolved**, we proclaim Cornell University to be a Purple Heart University,
36 honoring the service and sacrifice of our servicemembers, wounded or killed while
37 serving to protect our freedoms,
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- 39 **Be it further resolved**, we designate the Cornell Veterans Program House a Veterans Oasis for
40 community and study,
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- 42 **Be it further resolved**, via the Veterans Colleague Network Group, we will honor all Purple
43 Heart recipients annually,
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- 45 **Be it finally resolved**, Cornell University will register itself with the National Order of the
46 Purple Heart as a Purple Heart University.

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