

PURPLE HEART TRAIL SUPPORT

Dear Mayor and Assembly leaders;

My name is John Knott; I am the State of Alaska Commander for the Military Order of the Purple Heart. We are a non-profit, 501(c) (19) veteran's service organization comprised of the Department of Alaska with three Chapters located in Fairbanks, Anchorage and Soldotna Alaska. Our membership is 100% comprised of Wounded Combat Veterans and Soldiers of all the military branches who have been awarded the Purple Heart medal for their sacrifices made in the defense of this great nation.

I humbly request your support in our efforts to designate the Parks Hwy. from Fairbanks to Wasilla the next Purple Heart Trail or otherwise known as a Purple Heart Highway. As you may already know a portion of the Alaskan Highway from the Canada /US Border connecting to the Richardson Highway in Delta Junction then on to Fairbanks was designated in 2009. Our final goal is to link the end of the trail in Fairbanks and extend it to our southernmost drivable city; Homer Alaska. This will unit our Purple Heart Trail to ultimately be the longest Purple Heart Trail in the Nation.

I have included a formal letter for you all. I am asking nothing more than a letter of support as this will go through your perspective communities. I will be submitting a complete package to Representative Laddie Shaw who is assisting me in this endeavor. If you have further questions feel free to call me or email me.

Respectfully,

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