



## TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH

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# News Release

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## **Hillsborough Township to be designated a Purple Heart Community**

### ***First Municipality in Somerset County***

"Hillsborough Township will be designated as a Purple Heart Community at a Ceremony on August 7, 2014," announced Mayor Doug Tomson at Tuesday's Township Committee Meeting.

The ceremony is set to begin at 6:30pm at the Garden of Honor at the Hillsborough Township Municipal Complex and will be held rain or shine. Light refreshments will follow the ceremony and sign dedication.

"We are honored to be the first municipality in Somerset County to be designated a 'Purple Heart Community'", added Mayor Tomson during his remarks at the meeting.

A proclamation will be presented to the Military Order of the Purple Heart at the August 12, 2014 Township Community meeting.

The Purple Heart, the most recognized medal of the armed forces, is awarded to those serving in the armed forces that are injured or killed while serving in combat. It was originally introduced by George Washington as the Badge of Military Merit in 1782. It is the oldest military award given to U.S. military members.

At the first Purple Heart Ceremony held in Hillsborough back in 2012, a Purple Heart Monument was dedicated to the Township that resides at the Garden of Honor by Chapter 27 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

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