U.A. Resolution # 6

Declaring Cornell University a Purple Heart Entity

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

Whereas, January 1, 2022 New York State became a Purple Heart state and within the State cities, 11 counties, 6 colleges and universities, and 4 routes already have this designation,

Whereas, Cornell University and our community have a great admiration and utmost gratitude for all the people who have, and are, selflessly serving their country and this community in the Armed Forces,

Whereas, Cornell actively recruits veteran undergraduate and graduate students, hosts all ROTC service branches, and employs over 400 veteran faculty and staff,

Whereas, many servicemembers have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces; including over 800 Cornellians,

Whereas, members of our Cornell community have received the Purple Heart Medal, resulting from injuries received in combat, wherein they provided a singularly meritorious act of essential service to our country,

Whereas, Cornell University seeks to remember and recognize veterans who are recipients of the Purple Heart Medal,
Be it therefore resolved, we proclaim Cornell University to be a Purple Heart University, honoring the service and sacrifice of our servicemembers, wounded or killed while serving to protect our freedoms,

Be it further resolved, we designate the Cornell Veterans Program House a Veterans Oasis for community and study,

Be it further resolved, via the Veterans Colleague Network Group, we will honor all Purple Heart recipients annually,

Be it finally resolved, Cornell University will register itself with the National Order of the Purple Heart as a Purple Heart University.

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