

# Lifesaving Medal

Has been bestowed upon

## Chief Steve Heaton

Whereas:

On June 15, 2018 at approximately 10:30pm, in the city of Haifa, Israel, members of the 26<sup>th</sup> Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE) delegation were returning to their hotel after an evening meal when they observed an unresponsive and injured man lying in the roadway. It appeared the man had suffered a severe head injury and superficial injuries to his extremities.

Colonel Ron Gertner (Ret.), Chief Steve Heaton, and Major Chad Wilson, took immediate and proactive steps to render first aid to the victim and call for medical assistance. Members of the delegation shielded the man from vehicular traffic as Colonel Gertner, Chief Heaton, and Major Wilson tended to the man's injuries. Major Wilson remembered meeting the man earlier in the hotel lobby and knew him to be an American from Texas. The victim's cellphone was utilized to call his American colleagues and notify them of the accident. The delegation was soon met by paramedics who transported the victim to the hospital.

Colonel Gertner, Chief Heaton, and Major Wilson took direct and significant action to preserve the life of another human being who was in real and immediate danger of dying and/or suffering extreme personal injury. Their actions are hereby recognized and commended for their lifesaving action. They have brought great credit to themselves, their agency, and the GILEE delegation.

# Cherokee Sheriff's Office

To all who shall see these presents, greeting:

This is to certify that the Sheriff of Cherokee County has awarded the

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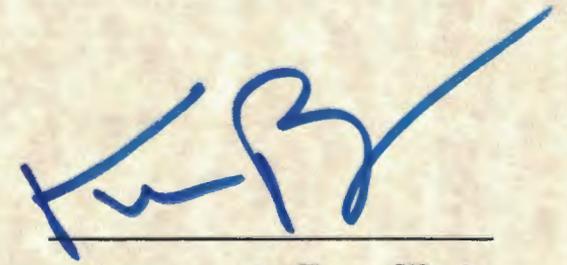
To the

# Chief Steve Heaton

on this date, May 13, 2019



Frank Reynolds  
Sheriff



Ken Ball  
Chief Deputy