



GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

SACATON, AZ 85147

PROCLAMATION

TO SUPPORT THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES BY PROCLAIMING THAT THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY IS A PURPLE HEART COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the Gila River Indian Community (the "Community") is a federally recognized and sovereign Indian tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Community's Governor and Lieutenant Governor ("Executive Office") have administrative direction over the promotion and protection of the health, peace, morals, education, and general welfare of the Community and its members, pursuant to GRIC Code §§ 1.101.A.5, 1.102.A and 1.102.C; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Office and the people of the Community have great admiration and the utmost gratitude for those citizens who have selflessly served their country and the Community through the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in present use and was initially created as the Badge of Military Merit in 1782; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is specifically awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces who have been wounded or paid the ultimate sacrifice in combat with a declared enemy of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, sixty-four (64) community members have been awarded the Purple Heart for their sacrifice, having been wounded in action while engaged in combat, including twenty-three (23) community members who gave the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Office and the Community recognize the sacrifice our Purple Heart recipients made in defending our freedoms and feel it is important that we acknowledge our Purple Heart recipients for their courage and show them the honor and support that they deserve.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Stephen Roe Lewis, Governor of the Gila River Indian Community, along with Monica Antone, Lt. Governor of the Gila River Indian Community, do hereby proclaim;

“GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY IS A PURPLE HEART COMMUNITY”


*Gila River Indian Community recognizes and honors the service and sacrifice of
our nation's men and woman who were wounded or killed while service to protect
the freedoms enjoyed by our communities and nations*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great
Seal of the Gila River Indian Community, this 26th day of August in the year Two
Thousand Twenty-Two.

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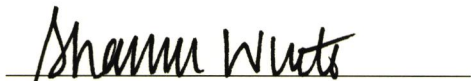


Stephen Roe Lewis, Governor



Monica Antone, Lieutenant Governor

Attest:



Shannon White,
Community Council Secretary

