

# Proclamation

## CITY OF GLENDALE

**WHEREAS,** *The Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration still in present use and was initially created by George Washington in 1782, as the "Badge of Military Merit"; and*

**WHEREAS,** *The Purple Heart was the first American Service Award made available to the common soldier, and is awarded to any member of the United States Armed Services wounded or killed in combat with a declared enemy of the United States; and*

**WHEREAS,** *The mission of The Military Order of the Purple Heart, chartered by an act of Congress, is to foster an environment of goodwill among the combat-wounded veteran members and their families; to promote patriotism; to support related initiatives; and to make sure we never forget the sacrifices made by those so decorated; and*

**WHEREAS,** *There have been many Glendale residents who made the ultimate sacrifice in the giving of their lives in the cause of freedom, and there are combat-wounded veterans who currently reside within the City, and Purple Heart awardees who contribute to their community in countless ways; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Arizona became a Purple Heart State on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016;*

**NOW, THEREFORE,** *I, Jerry P. Weiers, Mayor of the City of Glendale, Arizona, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the city of Glendale, Arizona,*

## A PURPLE HEART CITY

*and encourage all residents to show their appreciation for the sacrifices that Purple Heart recipients have made in defending our freedoms, to acknowledge their courage, and to show them the honor and support they have earned.*

*In witness hereof, I hereunto set my hand this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October 2017.*

  
MAYOR

Attest:

  
City Clerk

