



HONORING THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART AND PROCLAIMING MARANA AS A PURPLE HEART TOWN IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA

WHEREAS the Town of Marana supports its military and veteran population; and

WHEREAS the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in present use, created as the Badge of Military Merit by General George Washington in 1782; and

WHEREAS the Purple Heart is the first American service award made available to the common soldier and 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 the mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart is to foster an environment of goodwill among the combat-wounded veteran members and their families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives and most importantly – make sure we never forget ; and

WHEREAS the Town of Marana appreciates the sacrifices that our town's Purple Heart recipients have made in defending our freedom and believe it is important to acknowledge and honor them for their service and their courage; and

WHEREAS the Town of Marana will continue to recognize that sacrifice and courage by becoming the home to the third and final veteran's cemetery in the State of Arizona.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Marana proclaims that

MARANA IS A PURPLE HEART TOWN IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA

Dated this 16th day of December, 2014.

Ed Honea

Mayor Ed Honea

ATTEST:

Jocelyn C. Bronson
Jocelyn C. Bronson, Town Clerk

