

*Office of the Mayor*  
*Oro Valley, Arizona*  
**Proclamation**

**HONORING THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART AND  
PROCLAIMING ORO VALLEY AS A PURPLE HEART TOWN IN THE  
STATE OF ARIZONA**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Oro Valley 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 Oro Valley 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.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Dr. Satish I. Hiremath, Mayor of the Town of Oro Valley, Arizona do hereby proclaim that Oro Valley is a **PURPLE HEART TOWN** in the state of Arizona.

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2018

  
Dr. Satish I. Hiremath, Mayor



ATTEST:

  
Michael Standish, Town Clerk