



A PROCLAMATION

On Veterans Day, we honor the men and women who have made unthinkable sacrifices in defense of our freedom. The city of Phoenix has great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all those who have, and are, selflessly serving their country and this community in the Armed Forces. Veterans have paid the high price of freedom by leaving their families and communities and placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all. The contributions and sacrifices of those who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and ways of life enjoyed by all Phoenix residents.

The Purple Heart Medal is the oldest military decoration in present use. It was initially created as the Badge of Military Merit by General George Washington in 1782 and was the first American service award or decoration made available to the common soldier. The Medal is given to those servicemen and servicewomen who have been wounded while engaged in combat with an enemy.

Phoenix has a large veteran population, many of whom have earned the Purple Heart Medal. As we salute our veterans today, it is my distinct pleasure to honor those who have sacrificed their safety in service of their country.

NOW, THEREFORE, I GREG STANTON, Mayor of the City of Phoenix, Arizona do hereby proclaim on November 11, 2017, Phoenix to be a

PURPLE HEART CITY

in remembrance and recognition of recipients of the Purple Heart Medal.