

# Proclamation

## HONORING THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART AND PROCLAIMING TOLLESON AS A PURPLE HEART CITY

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tolleson 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 City of Tolleson appreciates the sacrifices that our city'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

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Adolfo F. Gámez**, as **Mayor** of the City of Tolleson, do hereby proclaim Tolleson as a

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to recognize and honor the service and sacrifice of our nation's men and women who were wounded or killed while serving to protect the freedoms enjoyed by our communities and nation.

Given under my hand in these free United States in the State of Arizona, on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, two thousand sixteen, and to which I have caused the Seal of the City of Tolleson, to be affixed and have made this proclamation public.

  
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Mayor Adolfo F. Gámez

Attest:

  
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City Clerk Crystal Zamora

