



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the citizens of Broken Arrow have great admiration and deep gratitude for the men and women who have selflessly served their country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

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

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart was the first American service award or decoration made available to the common soldier and is specifically awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces who have been wounded or who have made the ultimate sacrifice in combat; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of the men and women from the City of Broken Arrow who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedom and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Broken Arrow appreciates the sacrifices our Purple Heart recipients have made in defense of our freedoms and wishes to acknowledge their courage by honoring and supporting them.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Thurmond, Mayor of Broken Arrow, do hereby proclaim:

The City of Broken Arrow as A PURPLE HEART CITY

In witness, whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Broken Arrow to be affixed this 1st day of August, 2017.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk