## **RESOLUTION NO. 1105**

## A RESOLUTION OF THE BROKEN ARROW CITY COUNCIL REQUESTING THAT THE OKLAHOMA TURNPIKE AUTHORITY (OTA) ALLOW THE CITY OF BROKEN ARROW TO PLACE TWO PURPLE HEART SIGNS ON THE CREEK TURNPIKE IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF THE MEN AND WOMEN OF BROKEN ARROW WHO HAVE SERVED OUR COUNTRY

WHEREAS, the citizens of Broken Arrow have great admiration and deep gratitude for the men and women who have selflessly served their county 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; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Broken Arrow wishes to place two Purple Heart signs on The Creek Turnpike in recognition of the service and sacrifice of the men and women of Broken Arrow who have served our country; and

**WHEREAS,** on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2017, The Broken Arrow City Council proclaimed the City of Broken Arrow as a Purple Heart City; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BROKEN ARROW THAT** the City requests that OTA allow the City of Broken Arrow to place two Purple Heart signs on The Creek Turnpike in recognition of the service and sacrifice of the men and women of Broken Arrow who have served our country.

**ADOPTED BY THE BROKEN ARROW CITY COUNCIL** this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Assistant City Attorney