

Proclamation

“NATIONAL PURPLE HEART DAY”
AUGUST 7, 2017

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in the United States in present use; and

WHEREAS, General George Washington established the Purple Heart during the Revolutionary War in Newburgh, New York on August 7, 1782 as an incentive for members of the Continental Army;

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart was the first award made available to the common soldier to recognize outstanding valor or merit; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is a combat decoration that is awarded to living military members of the United States armed forces who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy or that is awarded posthumously to the next of kin in the name of those who were killed in action or who died from wounds received in action; and

WHEREAS, recipients of the Purple Heart know the meaning of sacrifice in the preservation of the United States of America and national interests at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 1.7 million Purple Heart recipients in our nation’s history, many of whom are from the State of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, Apache Junction has the highest number of veterans in Pinal County, many of whom have been decorated by presentation of the Purple Heart Medal. The blessings of freedom and democracy we enjoy today are the direct result of the courage and sacrifice of generations of Americans.

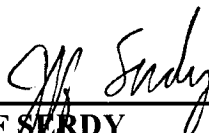
WHEREAS, This year marks the 235th anniversary of the establishment of the Purple Heart by General George Washington and the City of Apache Junction is proud to honor the recipients of the exceptional honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeff Serdy, the Mayor of the City of Apache Junction, Arizona, do hereby proclaim August 7, 2017, as

“NATIONAL PURPLE HEART DAY”

in Apache Junction, Arizona.

Signed and attested to this 5th day of July, 2017.



JEFF SERDY
Mayor



ATTEST:



KATHLEEN CONNELLY
City Clerk