

Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

WHEREAS; the City of Coolidge, in the County of Pinal, in the State of Arizona has always supported its Military Veteran population; 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 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 initiatives, and most importantly-make sure we never forget; and

WHEREAS; the City of Coolidge has many highly decorated veteran population including many Purple Heart recipients; and

WHEREAS; Coolidge appreciates the sacrifice our Purple Heart recipients made in defending our freedoms and believe it is important that we acknowledge them for their courage and show them the honor and support they earned.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Jon Thompson, Mayor of the City of Coolidge, Arizona, do hereby proclaim the City of Coolidge as A PURPLE HEART CITY and encourage the citizens of Coolidge to show their appreciation for the sacrifices the Purple Heart recipients have made in defending our freedoms, to acknowledge their courage, and to show them the honor and support they have earned.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto I have placed my hand and caused the seal of the City of Coolidge, Arizona, to be affixed this 27th day of April, 2015.

Attest:

Rachel A Duran (Acting)
City Clerk

Jon Thompson
Mayor

