



MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

[Date]

[Address Block]

Subject: Purple Heart Recognition

Dear [Greeting],

I am requesting the city of [name] declare its support of the members of the Armed Forces who have been wounded or died by an instrument of war in the hands of our Nation's enemies by becoming a Purple Heart City. Becoming a Purple Heart City shows [city name] recognizes and honors 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.

The Purple Heart is specifically a combat decoration and it is our nation's oldest military medal. It was first created by General George Washington in 1782 and was known as the Badge of Military Merit and it is the predecessor of the Purple Heart medal. The Purple Heart is awarded to members of the armed forces of the U.S who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy and posthumously to the next of kin in the name of those who are killed in action or die of wounds received in action. The heritage it represents is sacred to those who understand the price paid to wear it.

Arizona became a Purple Heart State on May 9, 2016. By becoming a Purple Heart City, [city name] will be joining all fifteen counties and other Arizona cities and who have proclaimed their support of Purple Heart Recipients and the Military Order of the Purple Heart. Other than any signage that you may decide to purchase to visibly show your support, there is no cost to becoming a Purple Heart City. I am attaching copies of two existing city proclamations which your City Clerk may use as examples to prepare the [city name] Proclamation. Prior to making your proclamation, please send me a draft copy.

We would like have as many Veterans attend the Council Meeting when the Proclamation is approved so if you can let us know a month in advance, we can let our membership and other Veteran organizations know they are invited to send representatives. If possible, we'd like you publicize the event with your local media representatives. Our Department Representative will be honored to speak thanking your city as you honor your veterans. Pictures will be taken and published in the National Purple Heart Magazine.

Thank-you in advance for considering this request to honor our Purple Heart Recipients. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me [MOPH Representative Name and Phone Number].

Sincerely,

[MOPH Representative Signature Block]

Enclosures:

1. Flagstaff Proclamation
2. Sierra Vista Proclamation