

# *Office of The Mayor City of El Mirage*

## *Proclamation to Recognize August 7, 2020 as El Mirage Purple Heart Day*

**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; and;*

**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 interest 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;*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALEXIS HERMOSILLO**, Mayor of El Mirage, Arizona, do hereby proclaim August 7, 2020, as:

### ***El Mirage Purple Heart Day***

*In special tribute to current and former members of the United States Armed Forces who have received the Purple Heart and to honor the families of fallen Purple Heart recipients.*

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the CITY OF EL MIRAGE, Arizona to be affixed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020.

Attest:

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Alexis A. Hermosillo, Mayor

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Sharon Antes, City Clerk