
CITY OF BALLWIN, MISSOURI



PROCLAMATION

Purple Heart City

WHEREAS, the City of Ballwin, Missouri, and our community have a great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all of the men and women who have selflessly served their country and this community in the Armed Forces. The City of Ballwin has always supported its military veteran population; and,

WHEREAS, veterans have paid the high price of freedom by leaving their families and communities and placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all, and the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who serve in the Armed Forces are vital to maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; 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 legislative initiatives, and most importantly, make sure we never forget; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Ballwin appreciates the sacrifices 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 have earned.

*NOW THEREFORE, I, Mark R. Stallmann, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Ballwin, do hereby proclaim The City of Ballwin, Missouri to be a **"PURPLE HEART CITY"** honoring the service and sacrifice of our nation's men and women in uniform, wounded or killed by the enemy while serving to protect our freedoms, and encourage the citizens of the City of Ballwin, Missouri to show their appreciation for the sacrifices the Purple Heart recipients have made in defending our freedoms.*

IN WITNESS HEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the City of Ballwin, Missouri this 11th day of May, 2026.

*Mark R. Stallmann
Mayor*

ATTEST:

*Eric Serman
City Administrator*