

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF
NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING AUGUST 7,
2026, AS PURPLE HEART DAY IN THE CITY OF
NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration still presented to U.S. service members, first established by General George Washington in 1782 as the Badge of Military Merit and later revived as the Purple Heart in 1932 by General Douglas MacArthur in honor of George Washington's bicentennial birthday; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces who have been wounded or killed in combat, recognizing their bravery, sacrifice, and dedication to the ideals of freedom and democracy; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, Purple Heart Day, observed annually on August 7th, offers a solemn opportunity for all Americans to honor the courageous men and women who have received this distinction and to acknowledge the profound debt of gratitude owed to them; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, we recognize the service and sacrifice of these individuals not only on the battlefield but also in the lives they continue to lead as patriots, community leaders, and role models of resilience and courage; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, the City of Norman stands united in expressing our deepest respect and unwavering support for all Purple Heart recipients and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

- § 6. Do hereby proclaim August 7, 2026, as Purple Heart Day in the City of Norman and encourage all citizens to honor our nation's Purple Heart recipients by recognizing their sacrifice and service to our country.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 28th day of July 2026.

Mayor, Stephen T. Holman

ATTEST:

City Clerk

