

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF  
NORMAN, OKLAHOMA PROCLAIMING THE CITY OF  
NORMAN AS A PURPLE HEART CITY.

- § 1. WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Norman have great and deep gratitude for the men and women who have selflessly served their country and this community in the Armed Forces; and
- § 2. 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
- § 3. 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; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, the contributions of the men and women from the City of Norman who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedom and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, the City of Norman appreciates the sacrifices our Purple Heart recipients have made in the defense of our freedoms and wishes to acknowledge their courage by honoring and supporting them.

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

- § 6. Do hereby proclaim the City of Norman as a Purple Heart City.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

