



City of Killeen

- WHEREAS** the Purple Heart is awarded by the President of the United States to soldiers who are wounded or killed in action; and
- WHEREAS** on August 7, 1782, General George Washington, Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army, created the Badge of Military Merit; believed to have been presented to just six Revolutionary War soldiers, award of the Badge of Military Merit ceased following the end of the war; and
- WHEREAS** despite earlier efforts, it wasn't until February 22, 1932 that the medal, now known as the Purple Heart, was revived by executive order of the President; and
- WHEREAS** the Purple Heart is a most prestigious symbol of a soldier's willingness to sacrifice all to protect and defend our great country; and
- WHEREAS** nearly two million Purple Hearts have been awarded to soldiers of World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf War, and the Iraq and Afghanistan wars; and
- WHEREAS** the City of Killeen, a Purple Heart City, joins in honoring the legacies of Purple Heart recipients in our community and beyond for our country and other countries throughout the world are forever indebted to their service and sacrifice.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jose L. Segarra, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Killeen, do hereby proclaim August 7, 2017:

Purple Heart Day

and I urge all citizens of Killeen to show their appreciation and respect to Purple Heart recipients and all those who have placed themselves in harm's way in service to our country on this day and every day.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Killeen to be affixed this 1st day of August, 2017.



Jose L. Segarra, MAYOR