# PROCLAMATION
## A Purple Heart City

**WHEREAS,** The Citizens of Carson City, Nevada have great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who selflessly served our country and this city and State in the Armed Forces, paying the high price for freedom by leaving their families and homes and placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

**WHEREAS,** the contribution and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

**WHEREAS,** the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in the world in present use and was created as a Badge of Military Merit by General George Washington on August 7, 1782 and as such we forevermore designate August 7th as Purple Heart Day; and

**WHEREAS,** the Purple Heart Medal is specifically a combat decoration awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States of America who are wounded by an Instrument in the hands of the enemy and posthumously to the family in the name of those who are killed in action, died of wounds received in action or died as prisoners of war (POW) while in captivity; and

**WHEREAS,** the Military Order of the Purple Heart is the only Congressionally Chartered Veterans Service Organization comprised strictly of combat wounded veterans; and

**WHEREAS,** the State of Nevada, including Carson City, has had 894 residents who have made the ultimate sacrifice in armed combat since 1864 and many more who have been awarded the Purple Heart Medal for wounds received in combat; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Robert Crowell, Mayor of Carson City, Nevada do hereby proclaim Carson City as a Purple Heart City and honor the service and sacrifice of our nation's men and women in uniform wounded or killed by the enemy while serving to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans.



Robert L. Crowell, Mayor

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