



## PROCLAMATION

### *Purple Heart Day - August 7, 2018*



*Whereas*, on August 7, 1782, General George Washington established the Badge of Military Merit to honor enlisted soldiers of the Continental Army and was the first award made available to the common soldier to recognize outstanding valor or merit; and

*Whereas*, today this honor is known as the Purple Heart. The Purple Heart is an American military decoration awarded in the name of the President of the United States to members of the Armed Forces wounded in combat, or posthumously to the next of kin for those killed or who die of wounds received in action by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy while serving. Approximately 1.8 million Purple Hearts have been awarded since 1932; and

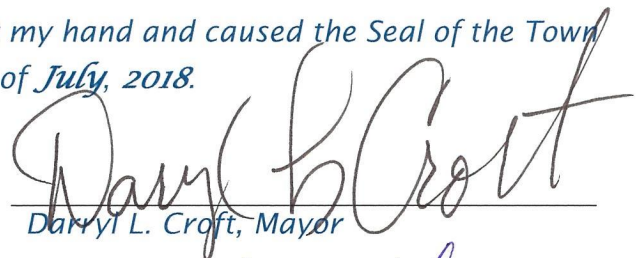
*Whereas*, through the unselfish acts of their bravery and sacrifices in preservation of the United States of America, national interests at home and abroad, our citizens and communities are afforded the ability to maintain their freedom and way of life; and

*Whereas*, the Arizona State Legislature, officially proclaims August 7th of each year as Purple Heart Day; and

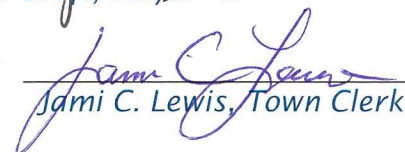
*Now, Therefore*, I, Darryl Croft, Mayor of the Town of Chino Valley, do hereby acknowledge *August 7, 2018* as *Purple Heart Day* in Chino Valley, Arizona, and urge all of our citizens to recognize August 7th as Purple Heart Day and August 5th through August 11th as Purple Heart Week in perpetuity to properly honor all those who were killed in action, or became wounded in defense of our country and, remember that 'All gave some. Some gave all;'

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Chino Valley to be affixed this *24th* day of *July, 2018*.



  
Darryl L. Croft, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Jami C. Lewis, Town Clerk