



PROCLAMATION
Recognizing "National Purple Heart Day"

WHEREAS, August 7th is recognized as "National Purple Heart Day," a day dedicated to honoring our nation's military heroes and service members who have made profound sacrifices for our country; and

WHEREAS, the original Purple Heart, designated as a Badge of Merit, was established by President George Washington in 1782; making it the oldest active military award presented to men and women of all military services who have been wounded or killed in combat; and

WHEREAS, Purple Heart Day was first observed in 2014 and has been observed every year since; and

WHEREAS, Marana is proud to serve and honor Veterans as a Purple Heart Town and was among the first in the state of Arizona to receive the Purple Heart Town designation in December 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart designation serves as an "outward expression of an internal desire to recognize and honor recipients of the Purple Heart" and is given through the Military Order of the Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Marana will celebrate its tenth anniversary as a Purple Heart Town designation this December 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Town will continue to reflect on the bravery of those who have fought for the U.S. and ensure that their courage is never forgotten.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ed Honea, Mayor of the Town of Marana, do hereby proclaim August 7, 2024, as "National Purple Heart Day," in Marana and encourage the Marana Community to remember and honor the brave men and women who have represented our country and were wounded or killed while serving.

Dated this 6th day of August, 2024.

ATTEST:

David L. Udall, Town Clerk



Ed Honea, Mayor