

A Proclamation Designating Prineville, Oregon as a  
PURPLE HEART CITY

WHEREAS, the City of Prineville, Oregon, has supported its military veteran population for over 100 years; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in present use and was initially created as a Badge of Military Merit by General George Washington in 1782; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart was the first American service award for 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 with a declared enemy on the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart is to foster as an environment of goodwill among the combat-wounded veteran members and their families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives and most importantly, to make sure we never forget; and

WHEREAS, the Prineville metropolitan area has a large, highly decorated veteran population including many Purple Heart recipients; and

WHEREAS, Prineville joins Bend, Albany, Medford and Redmond Oregon as Purple Heart Cities; and

WHEREAS, Prineville appreciates the sacrifices our Purple Heart recipients made in defending our freedoms and believe it is important that we acknowledge them for their courage and show them the honor and support they have earned.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council of the City of Prineville, Oregon, hereby proclaims the City of Prineville a PURPLE HEART CITY. The City Council hereby encourages the citizens of the City of Prineville to show their appreciation for the sacrifices Purple Heart recipients have made in defending our freedoms, to acknowledge their courage, and to show them the honor and support they have earned.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015 by the City Council of Prineville.

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Betty J. Roppe, Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Recorder