

Mayor Nancy Smith

Whereas, the origin of the Purple Heart came on August 7, 1782; when George Washington created the Badge of Military merit, a cloth made of purple with gold trim and a single word “Merit”; and

Whereas, the Purple Heart signifies the sacrifices made by many generations of America’s Citizen Soldiers and is a symbol of their willingness to sacrifice all to protect and defend our great country; and

Whereas, the Purple Heart is awarded to those military personnel who have been wounded or injured by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy or by terrorists’ actions and posthumously to the next of kin to those who were killed in action or died from their wounds; and

Whereas, the City of Maricopa has a rich and proud military heritage and is actively involved in assisting veterans and their family members; and

Whereas, the Purple Heart Medal is one of the most renowned military awards and is the one military honor awarded to many but wanted by few.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nancy Smith, the Mayor of the City of Maricopa, do hereby proclaim August 7, 2026, as **Purple Heart Day** in the City of Maricopa, and proudly acknowledge our designation as a Purple Heart City to honor those recipients past and present.

Dated this 7th day of August 2026.

Nancy Smith, Mayor