

## TOWN OF FOUNTAIN HILLS PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS*, the residents of the Town of Fountain Hills have great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served their country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

*WHEREAS*, the Town of Fountain Hills has always supported its military veteran population; and

*WHEREAS*, the Purple Heart was the first American service award or 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 of the United States of America; and

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

*WHEREAS*, the Town of Fountain Hills has a large, highly decorated veteran population with four active veteran organizations: Marine Corps League Detachment 1439, American Legion Post 58, AMVETS Post 7, and VFW Post 7507; including many Purple Heart recipients; and

*WHEREAS*, the Town of Fountain Hills appreciates the sacrifices our Purple Heart recipients made in defending our freedoms and believes it is important that we acknowledge them for their courage and show them the honor and support they have earned;

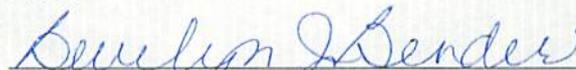
*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Linda M. Kavanagh, Mayor of the Town of Fountain Hills, Arizona, do hereby proclaim the Town of Fountain Hills a **PURPLE HEART TOWN** and encourage our citizens to continue to show their appreciation for the sacrifices the Purple Heart recipients have made in defending our freedoms, to acknowledge their courage, and show them the honor and support they have earned.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the Town of Fountain Hills, Maricopa County, Arizona this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.



  
Linda M. Kavanagh, Mayor

Attest:

  
Bevelyn J. Bender, Town Clerk