

CITY OF MAPLE VALLEY, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. R-17-1176

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MAPLE VALLEY, WASHINGTON, DECLARING
MAPLE VALLEY A PURPLE HEART CITY**

WHEREAS the City of Maple Valley, Washington has always supported its military veteran population; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in present use and was initially created as the Badge of Military Merit by General George Washington in 1782; 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 — make sure we never forget; and

WHEREAS, the King County and the State of Washington as well as the Maple Valley area has a large, highly decorated veteran population including Purple Heart recipients; and

WHEREAS, the City of Maple Valley 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 by the Council of the City of Maple Valley, State of Washington that:

SECTION 1: The Council of the City of Maple Valley does hereby proclaim the City of Maple Valley to be A PURPLE HEART CITY, and encourages the citizens of the City of Maple Valley to show their appreciation for the sacrifices that the Purple Heart recipients have made in defending our freedoms, to acknowledge their courage, and to show them the honor and support they have earned.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
THEREOF ON THE 11TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2017.

Sean Kelly, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shaunna Lee-Rice, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Patricia Taraday, City Attorney