



Proclamation for Purple Heart

Whereas, the people of the City of Valley Center have great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the citizens of our community who have selflessly served in the Armed Forces, which has been vital in maintaining the freedom and the way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and,

Whereas, citizens of our community have been wounded in action or killed in action while serving in the Armed Forces, and have been posthumously awarded the Purple Heart for their ultimate sacrifices; and,

Whereas, the Purple Heart is the oldest American military decoration and was created as The Badge of Military Merit made of purple cloth in the shape of a heart with the word "Merit" sewn upon it, on August 7, 1782, in Newburgh, New York by General George Washington; and,

Whereas, the heritage it represents is sacred to those who know the price paid to wear the Purple Heart; and,

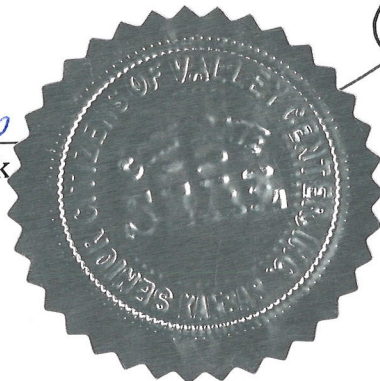
Whereas, August 7th is nationally recognized as Purple Heart Day.

Now therefore, I, James E. Truman, Mayor of the City of Valley Center, Kansas will proclaim August 7th, as Purple Heart Day, and urge the people and organizations of Valley Center to display the American Flag as well as other public expressions of recognition of our Purple Heart recipients.

In Witness Whereof, I have set my hand caused the Seal of the City of Valley Center to be affixed.

Done at the City of Valley Center, Kansas this August 6, 2024.

Attest: Kristi Carrithers
Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk



James E. Truman
James E. Truman, Mayor