

*Office of the Mayor*  
Arkansas City, Kansas  
*Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, The residents of Arkansas City 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**, Veterans have paid the high price of freedom by leaving their families and communities and placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

**WHEREAS**, The Purple Heart was the first American service award of 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 families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives, and most importantly – make sure we never forget.


**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Warren, Mayor of Arkansas City, KS, do Proclaim the City of Arkansas City as a

**PURPLE HEART CITY**

and encourage the citizens of Arkansas City to show their appreciation for the sacrifices 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.



*In witness thereof I have hereunto set my  
hand and caused this seal to be affixed:*

  
Jay Warren, Mayor  
Date: January 16, 2024