



City of La Pine  
PROCLAMATION  
A proclamation designating The City of La Pine, Oregon, as a  
PURPLE HEART CITY

**WHEREAS**, The City of La Pine, Oregon, has always supported its military veteran populations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in present use and was initially created as a 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 on the United States of America; and

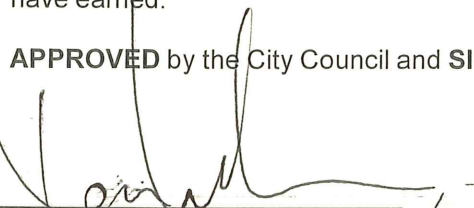
**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart is to foster an environment of goodwill among the combat-wounded veteran members and their families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives and most importantly, make sure we never forget; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of La Pine and its surrounding area has a large, highly-decorated veteran population including many Purple Heart recipients; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of La Pine 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 THAT** the City Council of the City of La Pine, Oregon, hereby proclaims the City of La Pine a **PURPLE HEART CITY**. The City Council hereby encourages the citizens of the City of La Pine to show their appreciation for the sacrifices Purple Heart recipients have made in defending our freedoms, to acknowledge their courage, and to show them the honor and support they have earned.

**APPROVED** by the City Council and **SIGNED** this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.

  
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Mayor, Ken Mulenex

  
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Council President, Stu Martinez

  
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