

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the City of Universal City has great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served their country and this city in the Armed Forces and have borne the brunt of battle; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purple Heart was initially created as the Badge of Military Merit by General George Washington in 1782; the Purple Heart is the first American service award or decoration made available to the common soldier, and is the oldest military decoration in present use; and

**WHEREAS**, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women of Universal City who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the organization now known as the "Military Order of the Purple Heart" was formed in 1932; for the protection and mutual interest of all who have received the decoration composed exclusively of Purple Heart recipients. The Military Order of the Purple Heart is the only veterans service organization comprised strictly of "combat" veterans; and

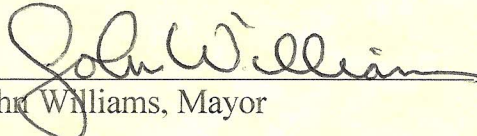
**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart is to foster an environment of goodwill among the combat wounded veteran and their families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives, and most importantly, make sure we never forget; and

**WHEREAS**, Purple Heart recipients are an integral part of society and it is important to acknowledge them for their courage and show them the honor and support that they have earned.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, LET BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Universal City does hereby proclaim Universal City as a *Purple Heart City*, honoring the service and sacrifice of the nation's men and women in uniform wounded or killed while serving to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans.

*Whereunto I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Universal City, Texas to be affixed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 21, 2017.*



  
John Williams, Mayor