

The City of El Cajon



California Proclamation

EL CAJON – A PURPLE HEART CITY

WHEREAS, *the Purple Heart Medal was first known as the Badge of Military Merit and is the nation's oldest medal. It was first created by General George Washington in 1782 and was later developed into the Purple Heart Medal by General Douglas MacArthur in 1932. This award comes with tremendous sacrifice by the men and women of our Armed Forces, and for those who paid the ultimate sacrifice, posthumously to their next of kin. The heritage it represents is sacred to those who understand the price paid to wear it; and*

WHEREAS, *the people of the City of El Cajon have great admiration and the utmost gratitude and respect for all the men and women who have selflessly served their country and this community in the Armed Forces. These 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 City of El Cajon celebrates a rich military history and is home to a great number of military veterans, many of whom are Purple Heart recipients. There are currently twelve active members of the local Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 49, who live in El Cajon. It is an honor and a privilege to applaud and celebrate the men and women who have sacrificed so much so that we may enjoy the freedoms that come with such a high price.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Lewis, Mayor for the City of El Cajon, together with the City Council, do hereby proclaim the seventh day of August, two thousand and thirteen, to be "PURPLE HEART DAY" in the City of El Cajon and further proclaim the City of El Cajon to be a PURPLE HEART CITY honoring the service and sacrifice of our nation's men and women in uniform wounded or killed by the enemy while serving to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans.

Signed this twenty-third day of July, two thousand and thirteen.

Mark Lewis

Mayor