

Proclamation

Office of the Mayor

A Purple Heart City

- WHEREAS:** the people of the City of Sunrise have great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served their country; 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 contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who have served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizen; and
- WHEREAS:** the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in present use and was initially created as the 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 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 their families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives, and most importantly – make sure we never forget; and
- WHEREAS:** the City of Sunrise appreciates the sacrifices our Purple Heart recipients made in defending our freedoms and believes it is important that we acknowledge them for their courage and show them the honor and support they have earned; and
- WHEREAS:** the City of Sunrise Veterans Advisory Board acknowledges and supports the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the U.S.A., Inc. and honoring the recipients of the Purple Heart Award and all military members and their family.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael J. Ryan, Mayor of the City of Sunrise, Florida and on behalf of the City Commission, hereby proclaim the City of Sunrise as:

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and encourages the citizens of the City of Sunrise to show their appreciation in honoring the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform.

**Witness My Hand and Official Seal of
The City of Sunrise, Florida**

Michael J. Ryan, Mayor

