



Proclamation

WHEREAS, this past July, our nation celebrated the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence; and

WHEREAS, this milestone was only possible because of generations of brave, selfless men and women who have sacrificed themselves in defense of our freedom, our liberties, and our nation; and

WHEREAS, George Washington established the Badge of Military Merit in August 1782 to recognize and honor persons injured or killed in service to our country; and

WHEREAS, in 1932, U.S. Army Chief of Staff General Douglas MacArthur revived the tradition, with the Badge of Military Merit renamed as the Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, for the past 94 years, our nation has awarded the Purple Heart to service members injured or killed in combat; and

WHEREAS, in June 2026, the Kennewick City Council proudly resolved to declare the City of Kennewick a Purple Heart City, bringing the Purple Heart Trail through our city limits to formally honor and recognize those who paid for our freedoms and liberties with their blood; and

WHEREAS, working closely with the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5785, signage now declares the extension of the Purple Heart Trail throughout our city; and

WHEREAS, August 7 is traditionally known across our nation Purple Heart Recognition Day; and

WHEREAS, the entire month of August is known as Purple Heart Recognition Month; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor and recognize residents of our city who are recipients of the Purple Heart; and

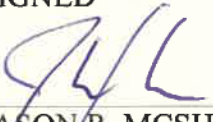
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jason McShane, Mayor of the City of Kennewick, on behalf of the Kennewick City Council, do hereby proclaim August 2026 as

PURPLE HEART RECOGNITION MONTH

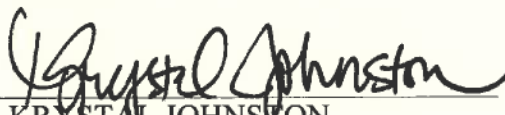
in the City of Kennewick and encourage community members to commemorate this milestone by taking time to reflect on the sacrifices of these brave men and women, and the enduring legacy their service has provided for each of us.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Kennewick to be affixed this 18th day of August 2026.

SIGNED


JASON R. MCSHANE,
Mayor

ATTEST


KRYSTAL JOHNSON,
City Clerk