

WHEREAS, the people of the City of Grand Prairie, Texas have great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served their country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in present use and was initially created as the Badge of Military Merit by 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 contributions and sacrifices of the men and women from the city of Grand Prairie, Texas who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

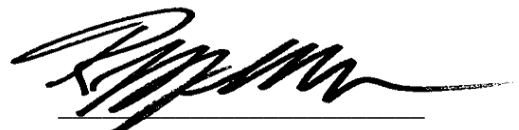
WHEREAS, many citizens of our community have earned the Purple Heart Medal as a result of being wounded while engaged in combat, construed as a singularly meritorious act of essential service; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Ron Jensen, on behalf of the citizens and City Council of Grand Prairie, Texas, do hereby proclaim the City of Grand Prairie as a

Purple Heart City

for honoring the service and sacrifice of our nation's men and women in uniform wounded and killed while serving to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans.

WITNESS OUR HANDS AND SEAL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, this 23rd day of January, 2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ron Jensen', written over a horizontal line.

*Ron Jensen
Mayor*