City of Benson
City Council Communication

Regular Meeting **April 25, 2016**

To: Mayor and Council Agenda Item # 4

From: Vicki L. Vivian, CMC, City Clerk

Subject:

Discussion and possible action regarding Resolution 13-2016 of the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, proclaiming the City of Benson as a Purple Heart City, and authorizing and directing the City Manager, City Clerk, City Attorney or their duly authorized officers and agents to take all steps necessary to carry out the purposes and intent of this resolution

Discussion:

The Military Order of the Purple Heart would like to address Council with the request to designate the City of Benson as a Purple Heart City. Sierra Vista and Huachuca City have also been designated as Purple Heart Cities and Cochise County has been designated a Purple Heart County with signs declaring such being placed in Douglas on January 28 and in Bisbee, which will happen on May 3.

Should Council approve the resolution, Staff will coordinate the placement of a sign declaring Benson a Purple Heart City and schedule an event to unveil the sign.

Staff Recommendation:

Approval of Resolution 13-2016

RESOLUTION 13-2016

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENSON, ARIZONA, PROCLAIMING THE CITY OF SIERRA VISTA AS A PURPLE HEART CITY, AND THE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER, CITY CLERK, CITY ATTORNEY OR THEIR DULY AUTHORIZED OFFICERS AND AGENTS TO TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES AND INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is a combat decoration awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces, who die or become wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy; and

WHEREAS, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 572, has requested the City of Benson to declare itself a Purple Heart City; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and members of the City Council appreciate the sacrifices that our Purple Heart recipients made in defending our freedom, and believe it is important that we acknowledge and honor them for their courage; and

WHEREAS, the City of Benson will demonstrate that honor by creating visual reminders to those who enter the city that others have paid a high price for their freedom to travel and live in a free society.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson as follows:

1. That the City Council policy and practice of supporting and honoring our military veterans be and hereby is reaffirmed.

2. The City Council hereby proclaims the City of Benson to be a Purple Heart City.

3. The City Manager, City Clerk, and City Attorney, or their duly authorized officers and agents, are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to carry out the purposes and intent of this resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENSON, ARIZONA, this 25th day of April, 2016.

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TONEY D. KING, SR., Mayor

ATTEST:

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VICKI L. VIVIAN, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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MESCH, CLARK & ROTHSCHILD
By GARY J. COHEN
City's Attorney