



City of Boynton Beach Agenda Item Request Form

Meeting Date: 08/ 5/2025

Proclamation designating the City of Boynton Beach as a Purple Heart City.

Requested Action: Mayor Shelton will read a proclamation into the record declaring the City of Boynton Beach as a Purple Heart City, signifying its commitment to honor and support United States Military Veterans, especially those who have experienced the direct impact of combat. Alfonso Duque, local Purple Heart Veteran, will be accepting the proclamation. Mr. Duque fought in Afghanistan from 2012-2013 during Operation Enduring Freedom. He was a part of the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Fourteen, and trained in Mississippi, the Great Lakes, California, and Virginia Beach, and also spent time in Puerto Rico and Germany. Mr. Duque was injured on October 2nd, 2012 and he received his Purple Heart in November of 2012. He was injured as a Petty Officer Second Class and retired as a Petty Officer First Class.

Explanation of Request: The proclamation is in advance of Purple Heart Day, which is observed annually on Aug. 7, to honor and remember all members of the U.S. Military who have been wounded or killed in action. This is an effort to publicly honor and recognize the sacrifices made by Combat-Wounded Veterans. This designation reflects a City's deep respect, gratitude and commitment to those who have selflessly served and suffered in defense of our nation.

How will this affect city programs or services? This designation is a tangible symbol of honor and remembrance, and a step toward creating a community that actively upholds the values of service, sacrifice and gratitude. Becoming a Purple Heart City:

- demonstrates civic pride and patriotism, uniting residents in honoring our local heroes.
- raises awareness of the costs of freedom and the personal stories behind Military service.
- inspires a culture of support for Veterans and Military families, often encouraging further Veteran-related programs, services or commemorations.
- sends a clear message to Veterans and their families that their sacrifices are not forgotten and that they are always valued and supported by their #TeamBoynton hometown.

Account Line Item and Description: N/A

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact to the budget for this item.

Attachments:

[Purple Heart City Proclamation.docx](#)