

SILVESTRE S. HERRERA

WHEREAS, in 1968 Congress created Hispanic Heritage Week and in 1988 it was extended to a month-long observance to recognize the contributions of Hispanic Americans in the United States and to celebrate Hispanic heritage and culture; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that Hispanics have given Glendale spirit and diversity which continues to enrich the community today; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the legacy of the late Silvestre S. Herrera who was of Hispanic heritage and the first citizen of Arizona as well as a Glendale resident to receive the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions during World War II in Mertzwiller, France; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class Herrera was a member of the United States Army and his one-man charge on the enemy stronghold resulted in his single-handed capture of eight enemy soliders; and

WHEREAS, at the time of his death on November 26, 2007, he was the only living person authorized to wear both the Medal of Honor and Mexico's Order of Military Merit.

Now, Therefore, I, Elaine, M. Scruggs, Mayor of the city of Glendale, Arizona, on behalf of myself and the City Council, do hereby extend sincere congratualtions to to the family of Silvestre S. Herrera and urge all citizens to join me in this expression of our appreciation and recognition for his contrubutions to this country as we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month.

In Witness Thereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 16th day of October, 2008.