

State Of Florida

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart, originally known as the Badge of Military Merit, an American decoration, is the oldest military decoration in the United States in present use; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart was established by General George Washington at Newburgh, New York, on August 7, 1782, during the Revolutionary War, as an incentive for members of the Continental Army; and

WHEREAS, it was the first award made available to the common soldier to recognize outstanding valor or merit; and

WHEREAS, following nearly 150 years of disuse, the Purple Heart was reestablished by the President of the United States per War Department General Order No. 3, dated February 22, 1932; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is a combat decoration awarded to military members of the U.S. Armed Forces who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy, and posthumously to the next of kin in the name of those who were killed in action or die from wounds received in action; and

WHEREAS, recipients of the Purple Heart know the meaning of sacrifice in the preservation of the United States of America and national interests at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 1.7 million Purple Heart recipients in our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, to perpetually honor our state's Purple Heart recipients, the State of Florida has designated August 7th of each year as Florida Purple Heart Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida do hereby recognize August 7, 2015 as

FLORIDA PURPLE HEART DAY

and call upon all Floridians to pay special tribute to those members of the Armed Forces who have received the Purple Heart, and honor the families of the fallen.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida have hereunto subscribed their names and have caused the Official Seal of the State of Florida to be hereunto affixed in the City of Tallahassee on this 7th day of August, 2015.



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