

State Of Florida

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the original Purple Heart, known as the Badge of Military Merit, is an American decoration, the oldest military decoration in the world 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 to recognize outstanding valor or merit of soldiers in the Continental Army; 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 contemporary Purple Heart is a combat decoration; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is awarded to military and civilian 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 have known 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 2012 legislature unanimously approved a bill which was signed into law by the governor which designates August 7 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, 2012 as


FLORIDA PURPLE HEART DAY

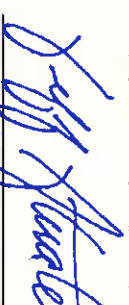
and call upon all Floridians to pay special tribute to those brave service members who have received the Purple Heart and honor the families of the fallen.

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 2012.




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GOVERNOR


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ATTORNEY GENERAL


JEFF ATWATER
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER


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