

WHEREAS; the Purple Heart is an American military decoration that was first established as the Badge of Military Merit by President George Washington on August 7, 1782, during his leadership of the Continental Army in the Revolutionary War; and

WHEREAS; after being renamed to the Purple Heart in 1932, since 1942, the Purple Heart has been awarded directly or posthumously to members of any branch of the United States Armed Forces who have been wounded or killed in armed conflict, have been held as prisoners of war, or as otherwise designated by the president of the United States; and

WHEREAS; the Purple Heart is the oldest American military award that continues to be issued, and this year marks the 244th anniversary of the Purple Heart award and the 94th anniversary of the Military Order of the Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin honors all Purple Heart recipients and their families for their selflessness and sacrifice in service to the country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim August 7 2026 as

PURPLE HEART DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state’s residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 23rd day of July 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State