

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

WHEREAS; since World War I, the Purple Heart has been awarded directly or posthumously to members of the United States Armed Forces who have been wounded or killed either in armed conflict or while being held as prisoners of war, or as otherwise designated by the President; and

WHEREAS; the Purple Heart may also be awarded to American civil or foreign service employees wounded or killed while attached to a military unit performing intelligence, counterterrorism, or other duties; and

WHEREAS; the Purple Heart is the oldest American military award that continues to be issued, and is one of the oldest military decorations in the world; and

WHEREAS; this year marks the 238th anniversary of the Purple Heart award and the 88th 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 our country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim August 7, 2020, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July 2020.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State