STATE of WISCONSIN

OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS: the Purple Heart medal, an American decoration established by General George Washington at Newburgh, New York on August 7, 1782, during the Revolutionary War, is awarded in the name of the President, and is the oldest military decoration in the world; and

WHEREAS: the Purple Heart is awarded directly or posthumously to members of the Armed Forces who are wounded or die in armed conflict with an enemy, wounded or killed by actions of their captors while being held as a prisoner of war, are wounded or killed as a result of friendly fire while directly engaged in armed conflict, or as otherwise designated by the president; and

WHEREAS: the Purple Heart may also be awarded to an American civil or foreign service employee attached to a military unit performing intelligence, counter-terrorism, or other duties, who is wounded by international terrorists; and

WHEREAS: August 7, 2019, marks the 237th Anniversary of the Purple Heart award, and the 87th Anniversary of the Military Order of the Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS: the recipients of the Purple Heart have known the meaning of sacrifice in the preservation of America and the preservation of national interests at home and abroad, and their sacrifices on our behalf will forever be an inspiration to all Wisconsin citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, August 7, 2019 as

PURPLE HEART DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our citizens.

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 2nd day of August 2019.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State