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P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, the wounded of our many wars have held a special place among those who have served their country. They have been honored from the beginning of our independence by a special medal first established by General George Washington on August 7, 1782, which was known then as the "Badge of Military Merit" in the figure of a heart in purple, and

WHEREAS, General Washington said in creating this medal that, "The Road to glory in a free country and a patriot army is thus open to all." 185 years and several wars later thirty-four million men have served in our armed forces during war periods, among which ranks are those who have won the Purple Heart -- the first decoration of our armed forces, and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is awarded for combat action only, and our service men are once again demonstrating their courage on the battle fields of foreign countries in order that men may live in freedom. Each week the list of those who are receiving the Purple Heart medal adds to a place of freedom on the road to glory,

THEREFORE, I, Karl F. Rolvaag, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim September 2, 1966, as

"PURPLE HEART DAY"

in Minnesota, and urge all citizens to participate in appropriate ceremonies, remembering the sacrifices made on behalf of all freedom loving people, and promotion of world peace and freedom, and the furtherance of universal brotherhood.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this eighth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred sixty-six, and of the state the one hundred ninth.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Karl F. Rolvaag
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