

Proclamation

The military decoration known as the Badge of Military Merit was created on August 7, 1782, by General George Washington, to honor those enlisted personnel who had distinguished themselves in the defense of their country; and WHEREAS:

In 1932 the Badge of Military Merit became the Military Order of the Purple Heart; to awared to those military personnel wounded during the defense of our nation; and WHEREAS:

WHEREAS: Citizens of Minnesota have served honorably in all wars and conflicts of this nation;

Many Minnesotans have been awarded the Military Order of the Purple Heart, in recognition of their sacrifices in defense of our state and nation; and WHEREAS:

1989 marks the two-hundred and sixth year anniversary of this military award; and WHEREAS:

It is entirely fitting and proper that the State of Minnesota recognize and honor those individuals who made such tremendous sacrifices to ensure those freedoms we all enjoy; WHEREAS:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim February 25, 1989 to be

PURPLE HEART RECOGNITION DAY

in Minnesota, and I urge all citizens to show their support for veterans who have received the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

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 fourteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eightynine and of the State the one hundred thirtieth.

> STATE OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF STATE FILED.

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