



## Proclamation

WHEREAS: On August 7, 1782, at his Newburgh, New York Headquarters, General George Washington devised the Badge of Military Merit in the figure of a heart in purple cloth; and

WHEREAS: The War Department later designated the Badge of Military Merit as the Purple Heart on February 22, 1932; and

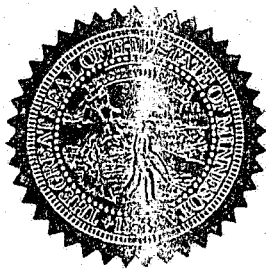
WHEREAS: The Military Order of the Purple Heart of the United States of America Incorporated, was chartered by Congress on August 26, 1958 as the only organization of combat-wounded veterans; and

WHEREAS: The Military Order of the Purple Heart is holding its 57th National Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, beginning on August 7, 1989, the two hundred seventh anniversary of the establishment of the Purple Heart by General George Washington;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim August 7, 1989 to be

### PURPLE HEART DAY

in Minnesota in honor of combat-wounded veterans.



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 tenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine, and of the State the one hundred thirty-first.

*Rudy Perpich*  
GOVERNOR

*Jean Anderson Grove*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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*Jean Anderson Grove*  
Secretary of State

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