
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,
JUNE 17, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a Purple Heart
2 State and recognizing August 7th as "Purple Heart Day" in
3 Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, During major wars from World War I to the present,
5 32,080 Pennsylvania veterans were killed in combat and
6 approximately 59,140 were wounded, making those Pennsylvanians
7 eligible for the Purple Heart Medal; and

8 WHEREAS, The mission of the Military Order of the Purple
9 Heart, chartered by an act of Congress, is to foster an
10 environment of goodwill among combat wounded veterans and their
11 families, to promote patriotism, to support legislative
12 initiatives and, most importantly, to ensure that we never
13 forget the sacrifices of veterans killed in action and wounded
14 in combat; and

15 WHEREAS, Twenty-three states across the United States have
16 honored their military veterans wounded and killed in combat by
17 proclaiming their states to be Purple Heart states; and

1 WHEREAS, The Purple Heart Trail was established in 1992 by
2 the Military Order of the Purple Heart as a symbolic trail
3 throughout all 50 states to commemorate and honor all men and
4 women who have been wounded or killed in combat while serving in
5 the United States Armed Forces; and

6 WHEREAS, The Purple Heart Trail originates at a monument in
7 Mt. Vernon, Virginia, which is the burial location of George
8 Washington; and

9 WHEREAS, In Pennsylvania, State Route 45, also known as the
10 Purple Heart Highway, winds through 100 miles of Huntingdon,
11 Centre, Union, Northumberland and Montour Counties and is part
12 of the Purple Heart Trail; and

13 WHEREAS, State Route 45 was christened the Purple Heart
14 Highway because the Route 45 corridor has been home to many
15 recipients of the Purple Heart; and

16 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania honors the service
17 and sacrifices of our nation's men and women in uniform wounded
18 or killed by the enemy while serving to protect the freedom
19 enjoyed by all Americans; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the Commonwealth of
21 Pennsylvania as a Purple Heart State and recognize August 7th as
22 "Purple Heart Day" in Pennsylvania.