
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 482 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY R. MACKENZIE, CIRESI, CONKLIN, COOK, GALLAGHER,
GILLEN, GIRAL, HADDOCK, HAMM, JAMES, M. JONES, KAUFFMAN,
M. MACKENZIE, MARCELL, MENTZER, MOUL, PICKETT, ROWE, SCHMITT
AND JOZWIAK, JUNE 20, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, JUNE 20, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating August 7, 2024, as "Purple Heart Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

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

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

13 WHEREAS, Forty-five states across the United States have
14 honored their military veterans wounded and killed in combat by
15 proclaiming their states to be Purple Heart states; and

16 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania was officially designated as a Purple

1 Heart state in 2019; and

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

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

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

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

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

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate August
22 7, 2024, as "Purple Heart Day" in Pennsylvania.