



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Purple Heart Day, recognized on August 7th each year, commemorates the creation of the oldest American military decoration for valor and sacrifice, honoring the men and women who were wounded or killed while serving in the U.S. military; and

WHEREAS, General George Washington established the Badge of Military Merit in 1782 to recognize "any singularly meritorious action," and that distinction later evolved into the Purple Heart, one of our nation's most revered military decorations; and

WHEREAS, the sacrifices that such members of the United States Armed Forces and of the family members that support them have preserved the liberties that have enriched this nation, as each state of our great nation has uniquely made its homeland a "home" for those we hold so dear in appreciation for their service -- for in this way, we are most certainly the land of the free and home of the brave; and

WHEREAS, more than 2 million heroes have received the Purple Heart, including more than 35,000 service members for wounds sustained in the war in Iraq and more than 7,000 for the war in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Alabama is home to thousands of Purple Heart recipients whose courage, sacrifice and unwavering commitment to our nation serve as an enduring reminder of the tremendous cost of freedom and the debt of gratitude owed to those who have borne the battle; and

WHEREAS, here in Alabama, we are deeply proud of our rich history and our role in the American story. We honor our veterans, we support our military and we work to ensure that we are the most military-friendly state in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Alabamians are proud to stand for the American flag, sing the national anthem and recognize and respect those who valiantly fought for us. We will always stand with our veterans and their families, forever in their debt:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim August 7, 2026, as

Purple Heart Day

in the state of Alabama.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 7th day of August 2026.

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor