

PURPLE HEART WEEK

- 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 United States 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 celebrating the two hundred twenty third anniversary of the establishment of the Purple Heart by General George Washington; and
- WHEREAS: The blessings of freedom and democracy we enjoy today are the direct result of the courage and sacrifice of generations of Americans, and the State of Georgia is proud to honor the recipients of the Order of the Purple Heart; now
- THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim August 7-14, 2005, as PURPLE HEART WEEK in Georgia and salute the courage and sacrifice of our combat-wounded veterans.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this fourth day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand five.