



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
PURPLE HEART DAY
AUGUST 7, 2009

WHEREAS, North Dakotans recognize the sacrifices made by service members in wars and conflicts throughout America's history; and

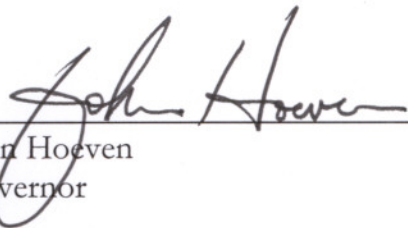
WHEREAS, the Purple Heart Medal - originally established by George Washington on August 7, 1782, and later revived by General Douglas MacArthur in 1931 - is presented to military members in recognition of wounds received as the result of enemy actions; and

WHEREAS, Purple Heart Day is a great opportunity for Americans to pause, reflect, remember and honor our brave servicemen and women who were wounded on the battlefield or who paid the ultimate sacrifice with their lives; and

WHEREAS, we remember and honor the patriots who have been wounded or killed in action, as well as the families who also bear the impacts of war; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to remember the heroes across our state, both living and deceased, who have been awarded the Purple Heart Medal, and to honor all of our veterans and those currently serving at home and abroad for their outstanding service to this state and nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim August 7, 2009, **PURPLE HEART DAY** in the state of North Dakota.



John Hoeven
Governor

ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State