

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in the United States in present use; and
- Whereas,** the Badge of Military Merit was created on purple cloth and in the shape of a heart with the word "Merit" sewn upon it, on August 7, 1782, in Newburgh, New York by General George Washington; and
- Whereas,** the Purple Heart was the first award available to the common soldier to recognize outstanding valor or merit; and
- Whereas,** the mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart is to create an environment of goodwill among combat-wounded veteran members and their families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives, and most importantly make sure we never forget the sacrifices these soldiers have made for us; and
- Whereas,** there have been thousands of West Virginians who made the ultimate sacrifice in giving their lives in the cause of freedom and there are numerous combat-wounded veterans who currently reside in our State; and
- Whereas,** our veterans have earned profound and eternal gratitude from all the citizens of this State for their willingness to risk life and limb for the sake of this great nation, its people, and cherished freedoms.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *October 2022* as:


Purple Heart Month

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.


In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the First day of October, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two, and in the One Hundred Sixtieth year of the State.




Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:


Mac Warner
Secretary of State