

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; the Purple Heart medal, an American decoration established by General George Washington at Newburgh, N.Y. on August 7, 1782, during the Revolutionary War and is awarded in the name of the President, is the oldest military decoration in the world; and

*WHEREAS*; the Purple Heart is awarded directly or posthumously to members of the Armed Forces who are wounded, or die in armed conflict with an enemy or while being held as a prisoner of war, or are wounded or killed as a result of friendly fire, or as otherwise designated by the President; and

*WHEREAS*; the Purple Heart may also be awarded to an American civil or foreign service employee attached to a military unit performing intelligence, counter-terrorist, or other duties, who is wounded by international terrorists; and

*WHEREAS*; August 7, 2011 marks the 229<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Purple Heart award, and the 79<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Military Order of the Purple Heart; and

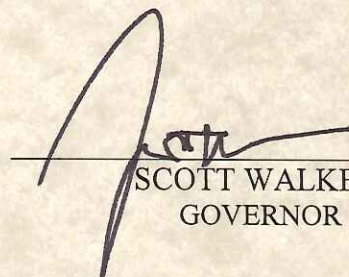
*WHEREAS*; the recipients of the Purple Heart have known the meaning of sacrifice in the preservation of America and the preservation of national interests at home and abroad, and their sacrifices on our behalf will forever be an inspiration to all Wisconsin citizens;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim Sunday, August 7, 2011, as

## PURPLE HEART DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July 2011.



SCOTT WALKER  
GOVERNOR

The Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State