

State of Arizona
House of Representatives
Fifty-second Legislature
Second Regular Session
2016

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2025

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

**DECLARING ARIZONA TO BE A PURPLE HEART STATE AND PROCLAIMING AUGUST 7, 2016
AS ARIZONA PURPLE HEART DAY.**

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1 Whereas, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in the
2 United States in present use; and

3 Whereas, General George Washington established the Purple Heart during
4 the Revolutionary War in Newburgh, New York on August 7, 1782 as an incentive
5 for members of the Continental Army; and

6 Whereas, the Purple Heart was the first award made available to the
7 common soldier to recognize outstanding valor or merit; and

8 Whereas, the Purple Heart is a combat decoration that is awarded to
9 living military members of the United States armed forces who are wounded by
10 an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy or that is awarded
11 posthumously to the next of kin in the name of those who were killed in
12 action or who died from wounds received in action; and

13 Whereas, recipients of the Purple Heart know the meaning of sacrifice
14 in the preservation of the United States of America and national interests at
15 home and abroad; and

16 Whereas, there are approximately 1.7 million Purple Heart recipients in
17 our nation's history, many of whom are from the State of Arizona; and

18 Whereas, to perpetually honor this state's Purple Heart recipients, it
19 is fitting to declare Arizona to be a Purple Heart State.

20 Therefore

21 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the
22 Senate concurring:

23 1. That the Members of the Legislature declare the State of Arizona to
24 be a Purple Heart State and proclaim August 7, 2016 as Arizona Purple Heart
25 Day.

26 2. That the Members of the Legislature support efforts by the people
27 of Arizona to pay special tribute to current and former members of the United
28 States armed forces who have received the Purple Heart and to honor the
29 families of fallen Purple Heart recipients.

PASSED BY THE HOUSE FEBRUARY 16, 2016, HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS AND
FINAL PASSAGE MAY 6, 2016.

PASSED BY THE SENATE APRIL 12, 2016.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY 9, 2016.