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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

DESIGNATING HAWAII AS A PURPLE HEART STATE.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii is home to  
2 many United States armed forces members and veterans who have  
3 made the choice to protect freedom and the nation.

4           The legislature further finds that the Purple Heart,  
5 originally titled the Badge of Military Merit, was a purple-  
6 colored, heart-shaped badge created by General George Washington  
7 in 1782 and is the oldest military decoration in present use.  
8 The medal was intended to recognize, as General Washington wrote  
9 on August 7, 1782, "any singularly meritorious action"--not only  
10 instances of unusual gallantry in battle but also extraordinary  
11 fidelity and essential service in any way.

12           The legislature also finds that the Purple Heart is  
13 currently awarded to members of the United States armed forces  
14 who have been killed, been wounded, or died of wounds received  
15 while engaged in armed combat with an enemy force or as a result  
16 of international terrorism or being held as a prisoner of war.



1           The legislature additionally finds that Hawaii has a proud  
2 history of supporting its active military and veteran population  
3 and deeply appreciates the sacrifices that its Purple Heart  
4 recipients have made in the nation's defense.

5           Furthermore, the legislature finds that it is appropriate  
6 to honor the State's Purple Heart recipients for their  
7 singularly meritorious action in the line of duty and their  
8 service to the people of Hawaii and the nation.

9           Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to designate Hawaii  
10 as a Purple Heart state.

11           SECTION 2. Chapter 5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
12 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to  
13 read as follows:

14           "§5-       Purple Heart state; designation. The State shall  
15 be known and designated as a Purple Heart state to recognize and  
16 honor the extraordinary courage, service, and sacrifices made in  
17 the line of duty by Hawaii's Purple Heart recipients."

18           SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

19           SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



**Report Title:**

Hawaii; Purple Heart State

**Description:**

Designates Hawaii as a Purple Heart State. Effective 7/1/3000.  
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