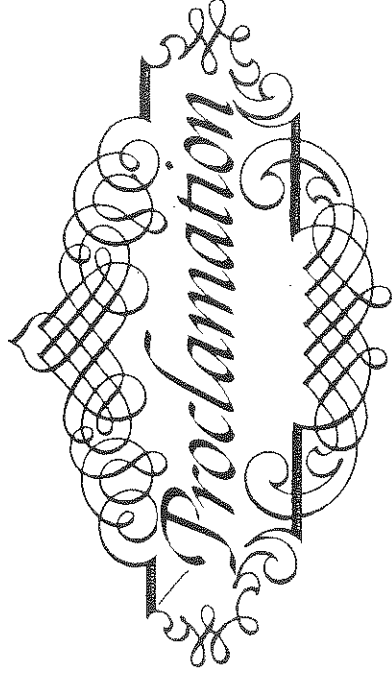


State of Maine



WHEREAS, the people of the State of Maine have great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who selflessly served their country and this State in the armed forces; and

WHEREAS, Maine veterans have paid the high price for freedom by leaving their families and communities and placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women from the state of Maine who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, many Maine men and women have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, many citizens of our state have earned the Purple Heart Medal, as a result of being wounded while engaged in combat with an enemy force; and

WHEREAS, August 7 has been designated as the day on which to remember and recognize veterans who are recipients of the Purple Heart Medal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAUL R. LEPAGE, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim August 7, 2012 as

PURPLE HEART DAY

throughout the State of Maine, and urge all citizens to recognize this observance and honor the service and sacrifice of our nation's men and women in uniform wounded or killed by the enemy while serving to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans.

In testimony whereof, I have caused
the Great Seal of the State to be
hereunto affixed **GIVEN** under my
hand at Augusta this First
day of August Two-Thousand Twelve



Paul R. LePage
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Governor

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Secretary of State

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