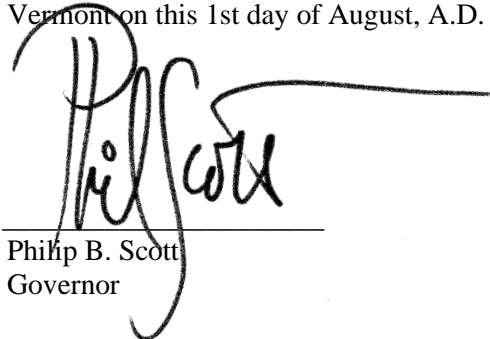


**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**


- WHEREAS,** Vermonters have great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all residents of our state who have selflessly served in the Armed Forces that has been vital in maintaining the freedom and the way of life enjoyed by all citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermonters have been killed in action while serving in the Armed Forces and have been posthumously awarded the Purple Heart for their ultimate sacrifice; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermonters have been awarded the Purple Heart for their bodily sacrifice of being wounded by the hand of the enemy while engaged in combat; and
- WHEREAS,** the Purple Heart is the oldest American military decoration and was created as The Badge of Military Merit, made of purple cloth 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, then reestablished as the Purple Heart on February 22, 1932, by General Douglas MacArthur; and
- WHEREAS,** the heritage it represents is sacred to those who know the price paid to wear the Purple Heart; and
- WHEREAS,** August 7th is nationally recognized as Purple Heart Day.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim August 7, 2023, as

**PURPLE HEART DAY**  
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 1st day of August, A.D. 2023.

  
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Philip B. Scott  
Governor



  
Brittney L. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs