

SENATE FILE NO. SF0037

Purple Heart Day and state.

Sponsored by: Joint Transportation, Highways & Military  
Affairs Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to legal time and holidays; designating  
2 Purple Heart Day as a state recognized commemorative day;  
3 providing recommendations for observation of the day;  
4 designating Wyoming as a purple heart state; and providing  
5 for an effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 8-4-111 is created to read:

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11 **8-4-111. Purple Heart Day.**

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13 (a) In recognition of the purple heart as the oldest  
14 United States military decoration in present use, created  
15 as the badge of military merit in 1782 by General George

1 Washington, and in recognition that the purple heart is  
2 specifically awarded to members of the United States armed  
3 forces including Wyoming citizens who have been wounded or  
4 paid the ultimate sacrifice in combat, August 7 of each  
5 year is designated as "Purple Heart Day." The day shall be  
6 appropriately observed by state and local governments and  
7 by organizations within the state.

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9 (b) The Wyoming veterans' commission shall work with  
10 military and veterans' organizations and Wyoming  
11 communities to observe the day with appropriate activities  
12 and programs.

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14 (c) This section shall not affect commercial paper,  
15 the making or execution of written agreements or judicial  
16 proceedings, or authorize public schools, business or state  
17 and local government offices to close.

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19 **Section 2.** In recognition of military service members  
20 including Wyoming citizens who have been wounded or killed  
21 in combat, the state of Wyoming is hereby designated as a  
22 Purple Heart state.

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1       **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2018.

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